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12	CASABLANCA DESIGN CENTER, INC., a California corporation,	Case No. 2:23-CV-02155-ODW-PD
13	Plaintiff,	SECOND AMENDED
14	VS.	<u>COMPLAINT FOR:</u> 1. FALSE ADVERTISING,
15	CLOSETS BY DESIGN, INC., a	2. CONTRIBUTORY FALSE
16	California corporation, CBD FRANCHISING, INC., a California	ADVERTISING, and
17	corporation, CLÓSET WORLD, INC., a Delaware corporation, FRANK M.	3. RICO ACT VIOLATIONS.
18	MELKONIAN, an individual, and DOES 1 – 10.	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
19	Defendants.	JUNI TRIAL DEMANDED
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21	Casablanas Dasian Cantan Inc	("Coachlange") brings this action assignt
22	Casablanca Design Center, Inc. ("Casablanca") brings this action against	
23	Closets by Design, Inc., CBD Franchising, Inc. ("CBDF"), Closet World, Inc., and Frank M. Melkonian and allege as follows:	
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25	I. Nature of the Action	
26	1. This is a false advertising lawsuit between competitors that arises	
27	under the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. §1125(a)(1)(B)) and the Racketeer Influenced	
28	and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO") (18 U.S.C. §1962(a), (b), (c)).	
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- 2. Casablanca directly competes against Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World for customers in Southern California who may purchase custom designed interior doors and organizers for closets, offices, and garages. All three companies design, fabricate, and install those products. The customers for those products are mainly homeowners and residential rental property owners.
- 3. Casablanca brings this action to stop Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World from continuing to distribute and publish deceptive discount price advertising for their products and to request remedies for their past deceptive price advertising, all of which was overseen by Frank Melkonian.

II. Introduction

- 4. Judge Stephen Reinhardt aptly described the wrong alleged here: "Most consumers have, at some point, purchased merchandise that was marketed as being 'on sale' because the proffered discount seemed too good to pass up. Retailers, well aware of consumers' susceptibility to a bargain, therefore, have an incentive to lie to their customers by falsely claiming that their products have previously sold at a far higher 'original' price in order to induce customers to purchase merchandise at a purportedly marked-down 'sale' price. Because such practices are misleading—and effective—the California legislature has prohibited them." *Hinojos v. Kohl's Corp.*, 718 F.3d 1098, 1101 (9th Cir.2013)
- 5. The deceptive discount price advertisements Casablanca complains of violate the Lanham Act and California law. 15 U.S.C. §1125(a)(1)(B); Bus. & Prof. §§7161(a), 17500, 17501 and Cal. Code Regs., Tit. 4, §1302; Civ. Code §1770(a)(9),(13). They violate the Federal Trade Commission Act which declares it unlawful "to disseminate, or cause to be disseminated, any false advertisement." 15 U.S.C. §52(a). They are specifically prohibited by the Federal Trade

And may expose the Closets by Design and Closet World's sale designers to personal liability in California and elsewhere. See, e.g., Bus. & Prof. §17500.3(b).

- 6. During at least the past two years, Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World have collaborated to, and have, distributed and published throughout Southern California many tens of thousands of advertisements that offer their products at a discount—always at least "40% Off"—when, in fact, those products are *neither advertised nor sold* at a higher, non-discount list price. Each "Former Price Comparison" advertisement is false advertising because the representation that a discount is being offered is literally false. On information and belief, *every* advertisement for Closets by Design's products and services and Closet World's products and services offers the 40% Off sale.
- 7. Embedded in each advertisement is <u>a second and separate act</u> of false advertising. In each advertisement, Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World assert that their discount price "sale" will end on a date certain, or is a new sale, when, in fact, the same discount price "sale" has continued without interruption for years. The advertisements for their "<u>Continuous Sale</u>" are false advertising because each sale expiration date is literally false as is every statement that the sale is new or being offered to celebrate a particular holiday or event.
- 8. If not facially literally false, every one of the corporate Defendants' discount offers, and every statement in their advertising that their respective sale is new or will soon end, is either false by implication or true but likely to mislead or confuse consumers.
- 9. Home Organizers, Inc. is the parent company of Closets by Design,
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- CBDF, and Closet World, each of which are all wholly owned subsidiaries. All four companies have their principal place of business at the same location and Frank Melkonian is the CEO of all four. The corporate Defendants admit they are "affiliated" and, as alleged below, they coordinate their advertising. To reasonable consumers, Closets by Design and Closet World appear to be competitors. They are, in fact, collaborators.
- 10. The corporate Defendants have intentionally created an enterprise through which they act for the common purpose of decreasing their customer acquisition costs and increasing their sales by diverting business from their competitors through the distribution and publication of advertising via the mail and worldwide web that each Defendant knows is literally false.
- 11. The corporate Defendants' concerted, fraudulent conduct over the course of at least two years is mail and wire fraud and is a pattern of racketeering activity. The object of their fraud is the money each receives from sales to customers who their false advertising diverts from their competitors.

III. The Parties

- 12. Plaintiff Casablanca is a California corporation with its principal place of business in Torrance, California. Casablanca does business as "Interior Door & Closet Company." Casablanca conducts its business affiliated with One Day Enterprises, LLC, the manufacturer of the custom doors and closets Casablanca sells.
- 13. Defendant Closets by Design is a California corporation that has its principal place of business at 3860 Capitol Avenue in Whittier, California. Closets by Design licenses to CBDF the right to use and sublicence its Closets by Design®²

² CBDF distinguishes between Closets by Design, Inc., the *corporation*, from the "Closets by Design" *brand* by affixing the trademark symbol to the latter ("Closets by Design®"). Casablanca adopts that distinction and designation as well.

trademark.

- 14. Defendant CBDF is a California corporation that, according to its most recent Statement of Information filed with the California Secretary of State, also has its principal place of business at 3860 Capitol Avenue in Whittier, California. CBDF is a licensed franchisor that sublicenses the Closets by Design® trademark to independently owned and operated Closets by Design® franchisees throughout the United States.
- 15. Defendant Closet World is a Delaware corporation that also has its principal place of business at 3860 Capitol Avenue in Whittier, California.
- 16. Defendant Frank M. Melkonian, aka Varant Melkom Agob, is an individual who resides in Los Angeles County. Melkonian is the Chief Executive Officer of Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World and is the Chairman and CEO of Home Organizers.
- 17. The true names and capacities of the Defendants sued as Does 1 through 10 are currently unknown and so Casablanca sues them under fictitious names. Casablanca is informed and believes that each of these Defendants is responsible in some manner for the wrongful acts alleged and that each caused Casablanca harm.

IV. Jurisdiction and Venue

- 18. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction under 15 U.S.C. §1121(a) (Lanham Act), 18 U.S.C. §1965(a) (RICO), and 28 U.S.C. §1331 (federal question). This Court has personal jurisdiction over each corporate Defendant because each has its principal place of business in this district. In addition, each Defendant engages in substantial business in this district, and each have committed, and are now committing, Lanham Act and RICO violations that have caused, and are now causing, Casablanca harm in this district.
- 19. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. §1391(b) because each Defendant resides in this district and is where a substantial part of the Second Amended Complaint 5

events giving rise to Casablanca's claims occurred.

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V. Frank M. Melkonian

- 20. Melkonian is the guiding spirit behind all the corporate Defendants' false advertising. He is contributorily liable under the Lanham Act for all the false advertising complained of herein. Casablanca anticipates that discovery will reveal facts that show Melkonian may also be liable under RICO for conspiring with the corporate Defendants' to further their racketeering activity. 18 U.S.C. §1962(d).
- 21. Melkonian has been actively involved with advertising since at least January 1979 when, according to the profile he published on LinkedIn, he served as the President and CEO of Value Mailer Marketing, Inc., positions he held until May 1990. On information and belief, during those eleven (11) years, Melkonian created, helped create, sold, and distributed advertising.
- 22. Melkonian is the CEO of all three corporate Defendants and their parent company, Home Organizers. He founded Closet World in 1991 and has been its CEO since. He is, and at all relevant times has been, the CEO of Closets by Design. He was its Chairman in May 2001 and continues to serve on its board. He has been the Chairman and CEO of CBDF since 2007. He has been the Chairman and CEO of parent company Home Organizers since 2001.
- 23. As each company's CEO, and based on his interactions with Casablanca's principals and affiliates, Melkonian actively manages the three corporate Defendants and Home Organizers and has the authority and ability to control each company.
- 24. Melkonian was CEO of Closet World when, sometime before 2000, it began publishing the very same Former Price Comparison and Continuous Sale false advertising that Casablanca complains of here. As a result, the Orange County District Attorney filed suit against Closet World. *People v. Closet World*, Case No. 00CC07660 (Orange County Superior Court, 2000). Exhibit 1. Melkonian was personally served the complaint and signed, on Closet World's

- behalf, a stipulated judgment containing a <u>permanent injunction</u> prohibiting Closet World and "all officers, employees, representatives, persons, corporations or other entities acting by, through, or under or on behalf of Closet World" from continuing to publish those two forms of false advertising throughout California (hereafter, the "False Advertising Injunction"). **Exhibit 2.**
- 25. Knowledge of the False Advertising Injunction is imputed to Closets by Design and CBDF by way of Melkonian serving as their CEO and sitting on their Boards. Actual knowledge was also directly conveyed to Closets by Design via proceedings the California Contractors State License Board ("CSLB") initiated against Closets by Design and Closet World (Case Nos. S2003-249, S2005-203, S2005-219). CLSB's Accusations in those proceedings, filed in 2003 and 2005, quote extensively from the False Advertising Injunction. Closets by Design participated in those proceedings.
- 26. As CEO, and as the architect of Closet World's past Former Price Comparison and Continuous Sale false advertising, and as an acting manager of each corporate Defendant, Melkonian oversees each of their advertising, including the Former Price Comparison and Continuous Sale false advertising complained of here, which he not only knows is unlawful but which he and Closet World are already enjoined from publishing. Exhibit 2. As CEO, Melkonian is contributing to each corporate Defendant's false advertising by knowingly inducing it, causing it, or materially participating in it.
- 27. Closets by Design and CBDF are "acting by, through, or under or on behalf of Closet World" to distribute and publish Closet World's already-enjoined false advertising. Each Defendant, therefore, has violated, and is currently violating, the False Advertising Injunction.
- 28. The corporate Defendants' past and current distribution and publication of their false advertising has been willful and malicious for the deliberate purpose of injuring their competitors, including Casablanca.

29. The corporate Defendants' past and current distribution and publication of their literally false advertisements was done to intentionally mislead consumers. This Court should presume, therefore, that consumers were, in fact, deceived and that the corporate Defendants bear the burden to prove otherwise. *William H. Morris Co. v. Group W, Inc.*, 66 F.3d 255, 258 (9th Cir. 1995).

VI. The Corporate Defendants' Enterprise and Common Purpose

- 30. The corporate Defendants have created an enterprise for the common purpose of *decreasing* the customer acquisition cost for Closets by Design, all the Closet by Design® franchisees, and Closet World and *increasing* all their sales by distributing and publishing advertising via the mail and worldwide web that each Defendant knows is literally false. Those companies' competitors are harmed by this false advertising, including Casablanca, which has been, and is now, directly harmed by a loss of sales, the expenditure of time and money to counteract the false advertising, and diminishment of its goodwill.
- 31. CBDF publishes an annual Franchise Disclosure Document ("FDD") that contains, among other information, its Franchise Agreement, Asset Purchase Agreement, and Notes to the Financial Statements. Hereafter, when Casablanca quotes or cites information CBDF published in those documents those Casablanca allegations serve not only as allegations that the document contains the quoted or cited information but that the CBDF-sourced information is, in fact, accurate and reflects its actual relationship with its franchisees, Closets by Design, and Closet World.

A. <u>Closet World</u>

- 32. Closet World was formed as "CWI Acquisitions, Inc." by Melkonian in 1991. He changed its name to Closet World, Inc. in March 2000. At all relevant times, Closet World has had four (4) locations: Whittier, Vista, and Hayward, California and Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 33. CBDF asserts in its 2020, 2022, and 2023 FDD's that it has the right Second Amended Complaint 8

- 34. The content and appearance of Closet World's closetworld.com website, its social media, and advertising is in all material respects the same as Closets by Design's closets by design.com website, social media, and advertising.
- 35. Closet World advertises its products using, among many other means, advertising "wraps" inside which are advertising flyers for various retailers, all of which are inserted as a package into newspapers at least weekly. The corporate Defendants create their wrap with the front cover being an advertisement for Closet World and the back cover an advertisement for Closets by Design. Appearing on the Closet World advertisement is an embedded Closets by Design advertisement. Closets by Design claims copyright in the entire wrap, as evidenced by its copyright notice. **Exhibit 3.** These joint advertising wraps have been, and are now, distributed through the Los Angeles Times and, on information and belief, other newspapers as well.
- 36. Closet World also advertises on Google's search engine platform. Google's Ads Transparency Center reveals that every Closet World advertisement originates from Closets by Design, which Google identifies as the "advertiser." **Exhibit 4.** Closet World's false advertising via Google has been viewed numerous times by Southern California residents and is currently viewable in Southern California.
- 37. Closet World also advertises through Meta Platforms, Inc., ("Meta") the owner of the Facebook and Instagram social media platforms. Closet World's false advertising via Facebook and Instagram has been viewed numerous times by Second Amended Complaint

Southern California residents and is currently viewable in Southern California. Closet World's advertisements routinely uses the same bolded advertising phrases as Closets by Design's advertisements. For example, both routinely contain the phrases "We Work With Any Budget" and "Our Best Offer is Back." The purported expiration date for both companies' discount "sale" is also routinely the same. Both companies' respective advertisements are routinely served to viewers in tandem; that is, one company's advertisement is followed in the viewer's stream of posts by the other's advertisement exactly three posts later. On information and belief, the corporate Defendants' have coordinated their social media targeted advertising by informing Meta that Closet World and Closets by Design are "partners," or are otherwise affiliated, and instructed Meta to serve their respective advertisements to viewers who have previously clicked on either company's advertisement or visited either company's website.

- 38. Closet World and Closets by Design intentionally harmonize the content and publication of their respective social media advertising.
- 39. On information and belief, Closet World and Closets by Design have a financial relationship to account for all the above-described joint advertising.
- 40. In addition to its collaboration with Closets by Design, Closet World's other roles in this enterprise are creating, distributing, and publishing the false advertising, interacting directly with potential customers by, among other conduct, presenting them with fictitious "list prices" for its products along with a fraudulent discount from that price, and to sell its products. On information and belief, Closet World employees have installed closet organizing systems for customers who entered into contracts with Closets by Design for those systems.

B. Closets by Design

41. Closets by Design and CBDF work closely together to create, manage, distribute, and publish the advertising for Closets by Design® franchisees.

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- Closets by Design was originally formed as "CBD Acquisitions, Inc." 42. in February 2001. Melkonian changed its name to Closets by Design, Inc. in May 2001.
- 43. Closets by Design is not a Closets by Design® franchisee. Closets by Design owns the Closets by Design® trademark and its registration which lists September 1982 as the first date that name was commercially used as a mark. Closets by Design licenses the mark to CBDF and, as licensor, Closets by Design has the duty to control the quality of the products that are sold under the mark. FreecycleSunnyvale v. Freecycle Network, 626 F.3d 509, 515-16 (9th Cir.2010).
- 44. Closets by Design owns the exclusive right to sell Closets by Design® products in Southern California. Closets by Design owns and operates three (3) outlets: in Gardena, Vista, and Oakland, California. Closets by Design also jointly owns six (6) other outlets with CBDF. CBDF refers to these jointly owned, nonfranchised outlets in its FDD's as "Company Owned Outlets."
- 45. Closets by Design owns, operates, and publishes advertising on its closetsbydesign.com website. The website has been viewed numerous times by residents of Southern California and is currently viewable in Southern California. Closets by Design claims copyright ownership in each webpage. It declares that all the trademarks displayed on the site are registered by Closets by Design and that it owns all the photographs, none of which may be reproduced or used in any way without its written consent.
- Closets by Design's website is the means CBDF uses to advertise its Closets by Design® franchise opportunities and is one way CBDF uses to advertise its franchisees' businesses.
- Closets by Design publishes on its website comprehensive, multi-page 47. guidance on CBDF's franchise application process.
- Closets by Design publishes a "Locations" page on its website listing 48. sixty (60) geographic areas in the United States. Exhibit 5. Each listed area Second Amended Complaint 11

- contains a hyperlink that resolves to a dedicated, internal page on the website that displays the phone number of the CBDF franchisee doing business in that area and the products it offers. CBDF terms this promotional webpage a "click through subpage."
- 49. Closets by Design publishes a "Schedule Requests" section on its website that any visitor throughout the United States may use to contact Closets by Design so it can schedule an appointment with that potential customer and itself or with the geographically appropriate Closets by Design® franchisee.
- 50. Closets by Design publishes a "Connect With Us" section on its website that lists YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The name of each social media platform contains a hyperlink to the Closets by Design account on that platform. On each platform Closets by Design publishes a hyperlink back to the homepage of its website.
- 51. Each Closets by Design® franchisee directly benefits from Closets by Design and CBDF's false advertising because (1) the 40% Off sale offer is published on each of their click through subpages on Closets by Design's website, (2) Closets by Design provides each franchisee with customer scheduling assistance via its website, and (3) Closets by Design publishes its 40% Off sale offer through its social media accounts viewable by potential customers in the geographic area serviced by each franchisee. A representative sample of the first page for each of the franchisee's click through subpage is attached as **Exhibit 6**.
- 52. According to Google's Ad Transparency Center, <u>Closets by Design is the "advertiser" of Closet World's sponsored advertising</u> on its search engine platform. **Exhibit 4.** Given Closets by Design's knowledge of the False Advertising Injunction and acting as Closet World's advertiser for that company's advertising via Google, Closets by Design is "acting by, through, or under or on behalf of Closet World" and so *is bound by and violating* the False Advertising Injunction.

C. CBDF

- 53. CBDF was also formed in February 2001. CBDF asserts in its 2023 FDD that it acquired the assets of its predecessor Closets By Design Franchising, LLC, which, CBDF asserts, first began selling Closets by Design franchises in January 1998.
- 54. CBDF asserts in its 2023 FDD that in April 2001 it acquired a license from Closets by Design to use and sublicense its Closets by Design® trademark. CBDF asserts the license is exclusive, perpetual, worldwide, and terminable only if CBDF becomes bankrupt, materially breaches, or sells substantially all its assets or 50% or more of its voting stock to an unaffiliated third party.
- 55. CBDF asserts in its 2023 FDD that in June 2001 it began offering Closets by Design® franchises for sale for the operation of retail outlets that sell, manufacture, and install closets, home/office organizers and related products.
- 56. CBDF asserts in its 2023 FDD that at the end of 2022 there were seventy-two (72) Closets by Design® franchises in the United States. Franchisees are required to do business under the assumed business name "Closets By Design." CBDF Franchise Agreement at ¶15.05.
- 57. CBDF's 2020, 2022, and 2023 FDD's reveal that CDBF charged and received from each franchisee a monthly "Continuing Royalty" of the greater of 6.75% of the franchisee's previous month's gross revenues or a minimum royalty of \$3,000. CBDF's monetary liability for this false advertising enterprise is, at least, all the profits it received from its franchisees' continuing royalty payments. 15 U.S.C. §1117(a).
- 58. CBDF asserts in its 2023 FDD that at the end of 2022 there were six (6) Closets By Design® outlets "Owned by CBDI and CBDF." The acronym "CBDI" denotes Closets by Design. CBDF refers to these non-franchised outlets as "Company Owned Outlets." CBDF asserts these jointly-owned outlets are operated by Closets by Design. As joint owner of these Closets By Design® outlets, CBDF Second Amended Complaint

is directly liable for their false advertisements. One of those jointly owned Closets By Design® outlets is located in Whittier, California and directly competes with Casablanca.

(i) Closets by Design and Closet World are CBDF "Affiliates"

- 59. CBDF asserts in its 2020, 2022, and 2023 FDD's that Closets by Design and Closet World <u>are CBDF "Affiliates."</u> See, FDD Item 1 for Closets by Design and FDD Item 12 for Closet World.
- 60. CBDF's Franchise Agreement attached to those FDD's contains many provisions that <u>bind</u> its Affiliates, <u>confer rights</u> to its Affiliates, and <u>protect</u> its Affiliates. As CBDF Affiliates, Closets by Design and Closet World are third party beneficiaries to the Franchise Agreement, or are otherwise privileged under that Agreement, and are entitled to enjoy, and do enjoy, certain contractual rights and protections under that Agreement.
- 61. CBDF's Franchise Agreement declares: "Within the Territory, we, <u>our affiliates</u>, <u>subsidiaries and designees (together, the "Affiliates")</u> will not operate a Company-owned business of the type franchised under this Agreement under the Proprietary Marks, so long as you are not in default under this Agreement and all other related agreements, and except as provided in Section 3.05 ('Rights We Reserve')." ¶3.02 (emphasis added).
- 62. CBDF's Franchise Agreement contains a section entitled "Rights We and our Affiliates Reserve." ¶3.05. That section lists various rights and is prefaced by the declaration: "You will only have the right to operate the franchised Business subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. We specifically reserve all other rights to ourselves and our Affiliates. For example, and without limitation, we and our Affiliates have the right, now or in the future:" ¶3.05 (listing rights) (emphasis added). One right most relevant is the right "[t]o offer and sell services and products within the Territory that is not part of the Closets By Design System through any distribution method, exploiting our and our Affiliates' Second Amended Complaint

Proprietary Marks, name, reputation and know-how." *Id.* (emphasis added).

- 63. CBDF's Franchise Agreement declares: "We <u>and our Affiliates</u> have the right, now or in the future, both within or outside the Territory, to own and/or operate one or more businesses virtually identical to the Business licensed to you under this Agreement (each, a 'Company Business')." ¶3.06A (emphasis added).
- 64. CBDF's Franchise Agreement declares: "Confidential Information includes (without limitation) all information, knowledge, know-how, techniques and information that we, <u>our Affiliates</u>, <u>or their</u> officers, contractors, employees and/or designees, designate as confidential." ¶12.01 (emphasis added).
- 65. CBDF's Franchise Agreement declares that upon termination, the franchisee shall "not make any statements, directly or indirectly, to any person or entity which would disparage, ridicule, embarrass, challenge, criticize or cast in a negative light us; any of our Affiliates; our or our Affiliates' officers, directors, shareholders, employees or contractors; any franchisee of ours or any Affiliate." [18.01(19)].
- 66. CBDF's Franchise Agreement prohibits franchisees, without CBDF's prior approval, from making any statements "to any media representative or any other third party (except for persons considering purchasing a Closets By Design franchise) relating to the contents of this Agreement, to us or to any of our Affiliates." ¶8.14.
- 67. CBDF's Franchise Agreement discloses that CBDF "and/or our affiliates" may receive revenue from the suppliers that CBDF designates, approves, or recommends its franchisees use based on the suppliers' prospective or actual dealings with the franchisees. ¶8.06(D).
- 68. CBDF's 2023 FDD asserts that: "We and <u>our affiliates</u> have no past practice or future intent of selling, assigning or discounting franchisees' financing arrangements to a third party."
- 69. CBDF admits Closet World is its Affiliate and, through Melkonian,
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CBDF has long known of the False Advertising Injunction. Nonetheless, in April 2019, CBDF asserted in a public document that neither it "nor any of its parent companies, sister entities, or <u>affiliates</u> have ever been compelled by a court order to alter their advertising practices." (emphasis added). That assertion is false.

(ii) CBDF Controls Closets by Design® Pricing

- 70. CBDF's Franchise Agreement reserves to CBDF "rights with respect to the pricing of products and services to the fullest extent permitted by then applicable law." ¶7.09. Those CBDF rights include: "... recommending retail prices; advertising specific retail prices for some or all products or services sold by your franchised Business, which prices you will be compelled to observe; engaging in marketing, promotional and related campaigns which you must participate in and which may directly or indirectly impact your retail prices (such as 'buy one, get one free'); and, otherwise mandating, directly or indirectly, the maximum and/or minimum retail prices which your franchised Business may charge the public for the products and services it offers." *Id.* (emphasis added).
- 71. CBDF's Asset Purchase Agreement requires franchisees acknowledge that CBDF is selling access to its trade secrets and proprietary information which CBDF asserts includes information "related to customers, the identities of existing, past or prospective customers, <u>prices charged or proposed to be charged to customers</u>..." and other information. ¶7.5(b) (emphasis added).
- 72. The Federal Trade Commission responded on February 15, 2023 to a Freedom of Information Act Request from Casablanca's counsel. The response included information on twenty-five complaints filed against Closets by Design. One such complaint was filed with the FTC Call Center on September 7, 2021. The FTC notes on that call state: "Consumer was in training to sell closets for Closets by Design she is informed that she is to tell her customers that they will be getting 40% off the cabinetry, When she confronted him, he explained that the 40% is added into the price given to the consumer so that it can be knocked off.

- Consumer upset that this is deceptive. Says this is a franchise all over Chicago area. This disturbed her so much, she did not go further with the training." (errors in original). This is additional evidence that the corporate Defendants' false advertising is intentional, willful, and malicious.
- 73. CBDF's Franchise Agreement declares that upon termination, the franchisee must immediately stop using CBDF's "price book information" and return that information to CBDF. ¶18.01(4), (8).

(iii) CBDF Controls Closets by Design® Print Advertising

- 74. CBDF's Franchise Agreement requires franchisees "to conform all advertising to the standards, specifications and requirements specified in writing by us, in our Manual or otherwise." ¶10.01. To punctuate CBDF's control of the advertising it discloses in its FDD that it uses "in-house advertising personnel" and intends to engage advertising and public relations firms to assist in its advertising program.
- 75. CBDF's Franchise Agreement requires franchisees to advertise locally. ¶10.06. Franchisees may only use advertising CBDF furnishes or approves in writing in advance. ¶¶10.01, 10.02.
- 76. CBDF's Franchise Agreement requires franchisees to pay into a National Promotion and Protection Fund. ¶10.04. Franchisees are required to send those payments directly to CBDF, which takes 15% annually as an administration fee. CBDF's 2020, 2022, and 2023 FDD's declares: "CBDF uses the National Promotion and Protection Fund for preparation, production and distribution of Closets By Design advertising (including print media pieces, brochures and collateral materials), press releases and other point of sale materials." CBDF's Franchise Agreement declares that CBDF "will direct all advertising programs with sole control over the creative concepts, materials and media used in the programs, and the placement and allocation of advertising." ¶10.04.
- 77. CBDF advertises heavily via direct mail marketing based on the Second Amended Complaint 17

bankruptcy petition it filed on March 18, 2010 in the Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California (Case 2:10-bk-19973-RN). The Schedule F to that petition reveals CBDF was in debt to at least six direct mail marketing companies: Val-Pak Direct Marketing Systems (\$273,100), Valassis Direct Mail Inc. (\$134,141), Money Mailer (\$57,273), National Ad Fund (\$62,826), Action Marketing (\$17,100), and Homeowners Marketing Services (\$552).

(iv) CBDF Controls Closets by Design® Internet Advertising

- 78. CBDF's Franchise Agreement declares: "CBDF alone may establish, maintain, modify or discontinue all internet, worldwide web and electronic commerce activities pertaining to the System, including through the use of a page or profile on a social media website such as Facebook, Instagram, Linkedin or Twitter. Franchisees and their employees are not allowed to establish their own profiles on any social media page reflecting the Closets by Design brand, nor are they allowed to establish any Closets by Design related web page." ¶3.04D.
- 79. CBDF's Franchise Agreement declares: "We may provide you with a 'click through' subpage on any general Closets By Design web site we maintain. If we establish one or more websites or other modes of electronic commerce and if we provide a 'click through' subpage at each such website for the promotion of your Closets By Design Business, you agree to routinely provide us with updated copy, photographs and news stories about your franchised Business suitable for posting on your franchised Business's 'click through' subpage, the content, frequency and procedure of which will be specified in our Manual." ¶3.04D.
- 80. Notwithstanding CBDF's assertion in its FDD's that it may provide its franchisees with a "click through subpage" on a website that it maintains, that service is provided by Closets by Design via its closetsbydesign.com website. **Exhibits 5, 6**.
- 81. All the Closets by Design® online advertising that Closet by Design publishes on its website and through its social media accounts are not only for its Second Amended Complaint

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benefit but also for the benefit of the Company Owned Outlets and CBDF and its franchisees. By virtue of creating the false advertising complained of herein, and paying for its distribution and publication, CBDF is directly liable for that false advertising. CBDF's management and control of, and participation in, that advertising is also contributory false advertising. *In re Outlaw Lab.*, *LLP.*, 463 F.Supp.3d 1068, 1082-83 (S.D. Cal. 2020).

(v) CBDF's Advertising Expenditures

- 82. CBDF's 2020, 2022, and 2023 FDD's disclose that its Promotion and Protection Fund had \$4,325,085 in it in 2019, in 2021 it had \$4,260,464, and in 2022 it had \$4,374,001.
- 83. The Notes to the Financial Statements in CBDF's 2020, 2022, and 2023 FDD's disclose that its advertising expenses for 2018 was \$16,998,5502, for 2019 they were \$21,536,594, for 2020 they were \$23,025,552, for 2021 there were \$35,069,308, and for 2022 they were \$43,831,414.
- 84. CBDF has expended substantial sums to distribute and publish the false advertising. This Court should presume, therefore, that consumers were, in fact, deceived and that CBDF bears the burden to prove otherwise. *U-Haul Int'l*, *Inc. v. Jartran, Inc.*, 793 F.2d 1034, 1041 (9th Cir. 1986).

D. Other Joint Conduct

- 85. Closets by Design, CBDF, Closet World, and Home Organizers all filed for bankruptcy protection in March 2010 according to CBDF's 2023 FDD.
- 86. Closets by Design, CBDF, and Home Organizers put up as collateral all their assets to guarantee a CIT Bank, N.A. loan in December 2021. The bank secured the loan via a UCC filing with the California Secretary of State. CBDF discusses the loan and the guarantees in its 2023 FDD which notes that Home Organizers refinanced a credit agreement that provides for a \$30,000,000 loan and a \$10,000,000 line of credit.
- 87. The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration responded
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on May 19, 2023 to a Public Records Act Request from Casablanca's counsel. The response included "a copy of the public non-confidential permit information located for Closet World, Inc." and reveals that from June 1, 2017 to the present Closet World and CBDF have a financial arrangement that involves the reporting of "sales and/or use" taxes.

VII. The False Advertising

A. Previous Challenges to the False Advertising

- 88. Closets by Design and CBDF have had their advertising practices challenged on numerous occasions, including twice in this Court. They have been undaunted by such challenges and have publicly proclaimed that the challenges to their advertising practices were "bogus."
- 89. Based on the allegations made in those lawsuits, the Defendants have long known that consumers and some industry participants believe the corporate Defendants' Former Price Comparison and Continuous Sale advertisements are false and misleading. On information and belief, notwithstanding this knowledge the Defendants have not changed their advertising.
- 90. Newbold v. Closets by Design and CBDF, Case 8:19-cv-00077, was a consumer class action suit filed on January 14, 2019 that asserted unfair competition and related claims, including false advertising, based on Closets by Design's "brand-wide, pervasive and continuous campaign of falsely claiming that their merchandise and services sold at a far higher price in order to induce Plaintiff and all Class members to purchase merchandise at purportedly marked-down sale prices." The case was dismissed without prejudice on February 5, 2019 before a responsive filing.
- 91. Grevle v. Closets by Design and CBDF, Case 2:19-cv-3881, was a consumer class action suit filed on May 3, 2019 that also asserted false advertising, the factual basis for which was that Closets by Design and CBDF "have continuously offered consumers across the United States '40% off' the purchase of

- 92. *CBD Franchising, Inc., et al. v. Jeff Klein*, Case 19STCV12051, was a defamation action, with related claims, filed in the Los Angeles County Superior Court on April 4, 2019 and involved claims relating to the 40% Off discount sale.
- 93. A specific claim made in the Klein action was that the Closets by Design and CBDF's 40% Off discount was fictitious.
- 94. In addition, Closet World has also been sued in this Court based on the same deceptive price false advertising complained of here. *Sarkhan Nabiyev v. Closet World, Inc. and Home Organizers, Inc.*, Case No. 2:23-cv-02218-ODW-PD, was filed on March 24, 2023 and is a consumer class false advertising case that is currently pending and which has been formally related to this action.

B. The Advertisements

- 95. During at least the past two years, the corporate Defendants have each distributed and published throughout Southern California many tens of thousands of advertisements that offer their respective products at a discount *of always at least 40% Off.*
- 96. These Former Price Comparison advertisements have minor discount variations. Closets by Design's purported discount is sometimes advertised as "40% Off," "40% Off Plus 10%" or "40% Off Plus 15%" while Closet World's purported discount is most often simply advertised as "50% Off" which, mathematically, is nearly the same discount as Closets by Design's 40% Off Plus 10% and Plus 15% discounts. Closets by Design's discount drops to 30% for

- 97. The corporate Defendants' advertisements are distributed via wraps in newspapers and direct mail flyers, and published on the world wide web via Google sponsored advertising, and in advertisements posted on Facebook and Instagram and, on information and belief, on Twitter.
- 98. The corporate Defendants' respective products, however, are *neither* advertised nor sold at a higher, non-discount list price.
- 99. The corporate Defendants' Former Price Comparison advertisements do not disclose the factual basis for the 40% Off discount. Prospective customers are induced by the 40% Off discount to invite Closets by Design and Closet World sales designers into their homes for a design consultation and only learn the alleged bona fide list price of the products during that in-home sales effort.
- 100. Every Closets by Design and Closet World prospective customer is offered at least the 40% Off discount off the then-disclosed list price. Based on Casablanca's similar sales data for its similar products, published industry data, and CBDF's FDD's, all or nearly all of Closets by Design and Closet World sales are for \$1,000 or more, and sales under \$700 are insignificant. CBDF's 2020, 2022, and 2023 FDD's discloses that *the average sale* for its franchisees in business over a year in 2019 was \$4,081, in 2021 the average sale was \$5,045, and in 2022 the average sale was \$5,647.
- 101. Since every customer is offered these perpetual 40% Off discounts, that purported discounted "sale" price is the list price. The 40% higher "list" price only disclosed during the in-home consultation is an inflated, phantom price at which the corporate Defendants' respective products are not sold. The representations made to consumers by the corporate Defendants' respective sales

designers during the in-home consultation that the products are regularly sold at a 40% higher price is literally false. Those misrepresentations may expose those sale designers to personal liability. See, e.g., Bus. & Prof. §17500.3(b).

- 102. When a product is always sold at a "discounted" price then its list price is that "discounted" price and the assertion to customers they are buying at a "discount" is a lie. The corporate Defendants have lied, and continue to lie, every time they distribute or publish their 40% Off sale offer and every time one of their sales designers quote the inflated, phantom list price.
- 103. Embedded in each of the corporate Defendant's advertisements is a second lie: that their discount price "sale" will end on a date certain. To reasonable consumers, these representations mean that after the specified date, the products will no longer be on sale and will retail at their purported regular list price. The corporate Defendants' respective "sale" does not end, however. Each simply continues its "sale" with a new expiration date. The advertisements for their Continuous Sale are false advertising because each sale expiration date is literally false.
- 104. Embedded in each of the corporate Defendant's advertisements is often a third lie: that their discount price "sale" is new, is back, or is being offered to celebrate a particular holiday or event, such as a "Winter" or "Summer" or "Presidents Day" or "Memorial Day" sale. These misrepresentations are false advertising because each corporate Defendants' respective "sale" has been offered continuously for years and is not triggered by any holiday or event.
- 105. By their false advertising, the corporate Defendants benefit by (1) acquiring the opportunity to make sales and (2) persuading customers to purchase their products under their mistaken belief that (i) the 40% Off price is a legitimate discount off its bona fide list price and (ii) the 40% Off price is available for only a limited time. The corporate Defendants also benefit by diverting prospective customers away from Casablanca, which does not employ such deceptive

advertising to pique the consumers' initial interest.

C. The Harm Caused by the False Advertisements

- 106. The corporate Defendants' false advertising harms reasonable potential consumers, the actual consumers who purchase the corporate Defendants' respective products, and Casablanca.
- 107. The corporate Defendants' purported 40% Off discount and the representations that the sale will end, or is new, or is back, or is being offered to celebrate a particular holiday or event, are literally false or false by implication—or are true but likely to mislead or confuse *reasonable consumers* into believing they are receiving a discount or the sale will soon end. Consumers are harmed not only by their actual confusion caused by the false advertising but by the likelihood they will be mislead or confused. 15 U.S.C. §1125(a)(1).
- 108. The *corporate Defendants' customers* who actually purchase products after viewing the false advertising do not receive the benefit of the bargain because the products they purchase have lower value than they are led to believe. Through the 40% Off advertisements and the salespersons' statements, the corporate Defendants (1) persuade reasonable, bargain-seeking prospective customers to reduce their search for comparable, competing products, (2) lead them to falsely believe the corporate Defendants have sold, and have a good faith intention to continue to sell, their respective products at a higher, bona fide list price, (3) increase prospective and actual customers' perception of the transaction's value, and (4) increases the likelihood customers will return.
- 109. Casablanca has been injured as a result of the corporate Defendants' false advertising. Casablanca's position in the marketplace has been weakened by the diversion of prospective customers to Closets by Design, the Company Owned Outlets, and Closet World. Casablanca's chief executive officer is Glenn Johnson. Johnson has personally spoken within the last two years to numerous potential Casablanca customers who told Johnson they decided to do business with Closets

by Design or Closet World instead of Casablanca specifically because they viewed and believed the corporate Defendants' 40% Off false advertising. In addition, Casablanca staff Brian Loecher and Stephanie Gordon have likewise each spoken with countless potential Casablanca customers within the last two years who told each of them they would not accept appointments or proposals from Casablanca unless Casablanca would discount its prices by the same 40% Off advertised by Defendants.

- 110. Casablanca's goodwill has been damaged because consumers have been led to falsely believe that Closets by Design and Closet World provide deeper discounts off their bona fide list prices than does Casablanca, implying that Closets by Design and Closet World provide a better value and are more cost efficient, customer-appreciative companies.
- 111. Casablanca has had to spend money and resources it otherwise would not have to spend in order to countervail the effects of Defendants' false advertising. Johnson conservatively estimates he has spent hundreds of hours during the past three years responding to (and attempting to mitigate) Defendants' false advertising. For example, during the past two years alone, Johnson has travelled to sales appointments, frequently spending up to two hours en route to the appointment location, only to be turned away by the customer because they believed they would receive "percentage off" pricing that Casablanca could not honestly match. Even when Johnson has suggested to prospects that the Defendants' pricing discount is illusory, he has been turned away dozens of times. Johnson conservatively estimates this has happened to him personally over 50 (fifty) times in the past three years, and hundreds of times when considering the similar experiences of Casablanca's other sales staff.
- 112. Johnson has spent significant time away from his other duties to compile, assess, and countervail Defendants' false advertising. Johnson estimates that Casablanca has lost at least \$2 million in man hours spent answering futile Second Amended Complaint

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sales calls and training its sales force how to respond to the false advertising. Johnson further asserts that the length of time to make many sales is unnecessarily increased by having to explain to potential customers that Casablanca's products are sold at a reasonable market list price and that the corporate Defendants' purported discount is, in fact, fictitious.

VIII. The Investigation

113. Casablanca's principal, its attorneys, and two researchers investigated the past and present corporate Defendants' respective advertising material.

A. Closets by Design

114. The terms and conditions of Closets by Design's 40% Off sale currently state in their entirety: "40%+15% off any order of \$1000 or more, or 40% off any order of \$700-\$999 on any complete custom closet, garage, or home office unit. Free installation on any order of \$850 or more. 12 Month Special Financing with minimum financing order required. Not valid with any other offer. With incoming order, at time of purchase only. May not be valid at all locations. Offer expires on 06/18/2023." These terms do not require the customer to purchase more than one product. The FTC Guide Against Deceptive Pricing at 16 C.F.R. §233.4 does not, therefore, apply.

(i). Grevle v. Closets by Design

- 115. The First Amended Complaint in the *Grevle* action was filed June 26, 2019 and included as an exhibit the Grevle Closets by Design sales contract and delivery receipt. The contract expressly applies Closets by Design's 40% Off sale offer. The delivery receipt is dated November 16, 2017. The contract and delivery receipt is attached here as **Exhibit 7**. Also attached to the complaint was a Closets by Design 40% Off coupon. The coupon notes that the offer "Expires in 30 days." That coupon is attached here as **Exhibit 8**.
- 116. The Grevle Closets by Design sales contract establishes that Closets by Design offered a 40% Off sale price in November 2017. The coupon expiration Second Amended Complaint

date establishes that at that time Closets by Design was conveying to consumers that the 40% Off sale price was for only a limited time. This same advertising practice continues today.

(ii). Rivas

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- 117. Anita Rivas is an attorney hired by Casablanca to pose as a customer interested in purchasing Closets by Design products. Rivas made a consulting appointment for March 7, 2023. A Closets by Design salesperson named Liam McCullough spent about three hours in Rivas' apartment discussing her dining area storage options. Consistent with Closets by Design's advertisements detailed herein, McCullough told Rivas that Closets by Design's 40%+10% Off sale occurred only twice per year. He told Rivas that the sale was currently ongoing but would end the next day on March 8, 2023. Rivas purchased shelving from Closets by Design at the end of the consultation. Their contract expressly applies Closets by Design's 40% Off sale offer. The contract is attached here as Exhibit 9.
- 118. The statements by Closets by Design salesperson McCullough that the 40%+10% Off sale occurred only twice per year and that it was currently ongoing but would end the next day were both literally false—they were lies—and establishes that Closets by Design's deceptive price false "sale" advertising is ongoing.

(iii). Johnson

119. In February 2023 Johnson received by mail at his home in Los Angeles County, California an envelope from Valpak Direct Marketing Systems containing coupon advertising. The exterior of the envelope was a Closets by Design 40% Off advertisement. Inside the envelope was a Closets by Design 40% Off coupon advertisement that noted the sale would end on March 12, 2023. Photographs of those advertisements are attached here as **Exhibit 10**. Those advertisements are in all material respects the same coupon filed in the Grevle action which implies continuous use of this 40% Off direct mail marketing since at Second Amended Complaint

- least June 2019. Over the preceding three years Johnson has received Closets by Design's 40% Off coupon advertisements by mail from Valassis and Valpak hundreds of times. Over that time, Johnson has also seen Closets by Design's 40% Off advertisements daily, either online or in print. Johnson has never seen a Closets by Design advertisement for its services that does not offer the 40% Off sale.
- 120. These facts are evidence that Closets by Design's 40% Off sale is continuous and that a significant number of consumers in Southern California have seen its 40% Off sale advertisements.

(iv). Dennis

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121. Dr. Yancy Dennis is a data scientist with a doctorate in Chemical Engineering from the University of Virginia. Dennis' resume is attached here as **Exhibit 11.** Dennis was hired by Casablanca to find, collect, and compile information available on the world wide web about Closets by Design's advertising. Dennis performed his research from March 2, 2023 to March 6, 2023.

(a) The Internet Archive Data

122. Dennis began by visiting the archive.org website maintained by The Internet Archive. As it explains: "The Internet Archive has created a service known as the Wayback Machine. The Wayback Machine makes it possible to browse more than 450 billion pages stored in the Internet Archive's web archive. Visitors to the Wayback Machine can search archives by URL (i.e., a website address). If archived records for a URL are available, the visitor will be presented with a display of available dates. The visitor may select one of those dates and begin browsing an archived version of the Web. The archived data made viewable and browseable by the Wayback Machine is obtained by use of web archiving software that automatically stores copies of files available via the Internet, each file existed particular point in time." See, preserved it at a https://archive.org/legal/affidavit.php.

123. Courts regularly take judicial notice of the webpages archived by The Second Amended Complaint 28

Internet Archive because they can be accurately and readily determined from sources whose accuracy cannot reasonably be questioned. Fed. R. Evid. 201(b)(1); *Ul LLC v. Space Chariot Inc.* (C.D. Cal. 2017) 250 F.Supp.3d 596, 604 fn. 2 (collecting cases).

- 124. Dennis visited The Internet Archive's Wayback Machine and ran an archive request for Closets by Design's website, closetsbydesign.com. The results showed that The Internet Archive saved that website 1,246 times between May 11, 2000 and March 13, 2023. Dennis was instructed by Casablanca's counsel to focus on the website versions archived from November 2018 to the present. Attached as **Exhibit 12** are screenshots from The Internet Archive showing the dates of all the website captures for the years 2018 through 2023 (The Internet Archive identifies the capture dates within blue circles).
- 125. There are 52 months between November 2018 to March 2023. During that time The Internet Archive saved closetsbydesign.com 158 times. Dennis viewed the homepage for each of these archived versions of that website and created a table, attached here as **Exhibit 13**, that lists the dates when the site was archived, whether the 40% Off sale banner was displayed on the homepage, the expiration date for each sale offer, and whether any additional discount was being advertised.
 - 126. The data collected and compiled on **Exhibit 13** establishes that:
 - Closets by Design advertised its 40% Off sale from at least November 25, 2018 to December 11, 2018 (15 days). Then it stopped.
 - Closets by Design began advertising its 40% Off sale again on or before May 21, 2019 and offered that "sale" price continuously until at least January 18, 2020 (8 months).
 - For the next month, February 2020, Closets by Design advertised that its products would be sold at a \$300 discount.
 - Closets by Design began advertising its 40% Off sale again on or before

March 10, 2020. Closets by Design advertised that offer continuously to at least March 2, 2023 (three years) (except for two days in May 2020).

On the dates the Original, First Amended, and Second Amended Complaints were filed, Closets by Design continued to advertise its 40% Off sale on its website homepage.

- 127. Closets by Design's website is viewable in Southern California. Because it is, a significant number of consumers in that area have seen Closets by Design's deceptive 40% Off sale advertisement.
- 128. Dennis downloaded a screenshot of the top portion of all 158 archived homepages (except November 12, 2018). He viewed each and compiled them into one file. Attached as **Exhibit 14** is a subset compilation consisting of one screenshot for each month of the 52 months the website was archived (during four of those 52 months The Internet Archive did not archive the website, so the compilation contains 48 screenshots). These screenshots confirm the data shown on **Exhibit 13**.

129. Each archived closetsbydesign.com homepage as viewed on archive.org contains active links to internal pages within that archived website. The Internet Archive explains this process: "Links on archived files in the Wayback Machine point to other archived files (whether HTML pages or other file types), if any are found for the URL indicated by a given link. For instance, the Wayback Machine is designed such that when a visitor clicks on a hyperlink on an archived page that points to another URL, the visitor will be served the archived file found for the hyperlink's URL with the closest available date to the initial file containing the hyperlink. ... Thus, in the case of a page constituted by a primary HTML file and other separate files (e.g., files with images, audio, multimedia, design elements, or other embedded content) linked within that primary HTML file, the primary HTML file and the other files will each have their own respective extended URLs and may not have been archived on the same dates." *Id*.

November 2018 and March 2023 displayed, with the exceptions noted, a 40% Off banner advertisement. That advertisement hyperlinked to an internal page containing the "Terms and Conditions" of the offer. Dennis retrieved the terms and conditions linked-to by each of the 40% Off banner advertisements and compiled the expiration dates that were shown there. Those dates are on **Exhibit 13**. As The Internet Archive explains, the linked-to terms and conditions pages may not have been archived on the same date as the referring homepage. Because of this variation, many of the expiration dates Dennis retrieved are from terms and conditions pages that do not correspond to the date the homepage was archived. Two examples of the Terms and Conditions from which the expiration date can be found are shown in **Exhibit 15**.

- 131. Though the expiration date data does not correspond to the date the homepage was archived, the data shows the expiration date was extended 13 times from August 5, 2019 to March 3, 2023 (in red on **Exhibit 13**). On information and belief, and implication, the expiration date was, in fact, illusory because it was continuously amended to extend the 40% Off sale indefinitely. Closets by Design's publication of each expiration date was literally false because the sale, in fact, never expired. Closets by Designs lied every time it published an expiration date.
- 132. Nathaniel E Frank-White is a Records Request Processor at the Internet Archive. In response to a request from Casablanca's counsel, Frank-White downloaded certain archived closetsbydesign.com webpages and provided authenticated copies to Casablanca's counsel. **Exhibit 16** (declaration). Counsel viewed each page and created the following list which identifies the date the webpage was archived and the Closets by Design "discount" being advertised.

Date archived Discount

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Nov 1, 2021
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   Apr 1, 2022
                    40% Off
 6
                    Not archived
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    May 22, 2022
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    Jun 26, 2022
                   40% Off plus 15% Off
   Jul 18, 2022
                   40% Off plus 15% Off
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   Aug 13, 2022
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           133. Dennis visited Closets by Design's Facebook and Instagram accounts.
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     Attached as Exhibit 17 are the screenshots he took of its Facebook "About" page
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     and its Instagram homepage. The homepages are located here:
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     https://www.facebook.com/closetsbydesign
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     https://www.instagram.com/closetsbydesign
           134. Many Closets by Design franchisees also own and operate Instagram
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     accounts. Exhibit 18 is a screenshot of an Instagram search result for "closets by
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     design" that shows just nine of those franchisee accounts.
           135. Meta, Inc. owns and operates the Facebook and Instagram social
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     media platforms. Account owners may advertise via those platforms.
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136. Advertisers, including Closets by Design, instruct Meta to serve up

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- 137. Closets by Design has advertised, and continues to advertise, heavily on Facebook and Instagram. Its advertisements are served up to other users who reside throughout the United States, including in Southern California, and in every geographic location where its franchisees do business.
- 138. Meta maintains a publicly accessible "Ad Library" that provides data about each of its advertiser's advertisements. Most of the data relates to that advertiser's currently ongoing advertising campaign. Some of the data is images of, and information about, previous advertisements. The Ad Library can be accessed here: https://www.facebook.com/ads/library The Ad Library for a particular account can also be accessed by visiting its homepage, using the drop-down menu triggered by clicking the ellipsis, navigating to the "About this account" option, and then clicking the "Active ads" option.
- 139. Dennis visited the Ad Library and queried it for "closets by design." Attached as **Exhibit 19** is a screenshot of the Meta "About" page for Closets by Design and screenshots of the active advertisement campaigns Closets by Design ran in February 2023 and is running in March 2023. The results show Closets by Design has over 73,000 followers and had approximately 280 advertisements served to Facebook and Instagram users throughout the country in February 2023 and 270 advertisements in March 2023. Each advertisement was served up an unknown number of times but, on information and belief, many tens of thousands of times.
- 140. This social media advertising establishes that Closets by Design spends substantial funds to distribute its deceptive 40% Off sale offer and that a substantial segment of consumers in Southern California have seen Closets by Design's 40% Off sale advertisement.
- 141. Dennis visited Closets by Design's Instagram account and took
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- screenshots of past advertisements that Closets by Design published on its page and, on information and belief, and implication, served to its followers and other Instagram users. The advertisements Dennis located date from December 14, 2018 to July 3, 2021. Dennis compiled the screenshots into a file which is attached here as **Exhibit 20.**
 - 142. The advertising compiled on **Exhibit 20** shows that:
 - The 40% Off sale advertised on December 14, 2018 was a "holiday promo" that expired on January 24, 2019.
 - The same 40% Off sale, advertised again on January 19, 2019, was the "Last chance to take advantage of this amazing offer."
 - The 40% Off sale advertised on May 14, 2019 was a "Summer Special" that expired on June 30, 2019.
 - The same 40% Off "Summer Special" sale, advertised again on June 10, 2019, was extended to July 31, 2019.
 - The 40% Off sale advertised on November 30, 2019 was a "Holiday Special" that expired on December 31, 2019.
 - The same 40% Off "Holiday Special" sale, advertised again on December 11, 2019, was extended to January 28, 2020 and was described as "Our best offer of the year is still going on."
 - The 40% Off sale was advertised again on March 14, 2020.
 - The 40% Off sale advertised on April 15, 2020 was "our best offer of the year."
 - The 40% Off sale advertised on August 22, 2020 was "For a limited time."
 - The 40% Off sale advertised on September 26, 2020 expired on September 30, 2020 and asserted it was "Your Last Chance" to get that deal.
 - The 40% Off sale advertised on November 7, 2020 was "Big News" and expired on November 30, 2020.
 - The 40% Off sale advertised on February 2, 2021 was the "Last Chance" to

get the deal because it was "over at the end of the month."

- The 40% Off sale advertised on March 1, 2021, the day after the previous sale supposedly ended, was a "new promotion."
- The 40% Off sale advertised on July 3, 2021 was "summer savings" that expired on July 31, 2021.

This data establishes that from December 14, 2018 to July 3, 2021 the 40% Off sale was continually extended and that prospective customers were led to believe that each "sale" offer would end. Every expiration date was literally false. Every assertion that the sale was different in kind than any preceding sale was literally false or misleading.

(v). Ballard

- 143. Daniel Ballard is an attorney for Casablanca. Ballard conducted his own investigation to confirm that Closets by Design is still continuously extending its 40% Off sale without break. As detailed below, Ballard was able to confirm that practice by viewing advertisements publicly available, and readily available to anyone with a Facebook or Instagram account, and which are all in Defendants' possession or control.
- 144. Ballard viewed his Facebook on February 21, 2023. Appearing in those posts was a Closets by Design "President's Day Special" advertisement for 40% Off. Ballard clicked the advertisement which resolved to the Closets by Design "Schedule Requests" webpage. That page displayed the "Terms and Conditions" for the sale offer. The terms noted the sale would end on February 28, 2023. Ballard took screenshots of the advertisement and Terms and Conditions. Both are attached here as **Exhibit 21**.
- 145. Ballard viewed his Facebook and Instagram via his iPhone on March 6, 2023. Appearing in the posts were Closets by Design advertisements that proclaimed, "Last Chance To Get Our Best Offer" and included the 40% Off sale offer. Ballard clicked each advertisement which resolved to the Closets by Design Second Amended Complaint 35

- 146. Ballard viewed his Facebook and Instagram via his iPhone on March 13, 2023. Appearing in the posts were Closets by Design advertisements that included the 40% Off sale offer. Ballard clicked the advertisements which resolved to the Closets by Design "Schedule Requests" webpage. That page displayed the "Terms and Conditions" for the sale offer. The terms noted the sale would end on March 31, 2023. Ballard took screenshots of each advertisement and Terms and Conditions. All are attached here as **Exhibit 23**.
- 147. These facts establish that Closets by Design's 40% Off "President's Day Special" that was supposed to end on February 28, 2023 did not end because it was advertised again on March 6, 2023, which, Closets by Design claimed, was the "Last Chance" to get that deal because it ended on March 11, 2023. That deal did not end, however, because on March 13, 2023 Closets by Design advertised another 40% Off sale which purportedly ends on March 31, 2023.
- 148. Ballard viewed his Instagram via his iPhone on April 4, 2023. Appearing was a Closets by Design advertisement that included the 40% Off sale offer and which linked to the terms and conditions on Closets by Design's website which noted that the sale would end on April 30, 2023.
- 149. Ballard viewed his Facebook via his iPhone on May 1, 2023. Appearing was a Closets by Design advertisement that included the 40% Off sale offer and which linked to the terms and conditions on Closets by Design's website which noted that the sale would end on May 31, 2023.
- 150. Ballard viewed his Facebook via his iPhone on June 5, 2023. Appearing was a Closets by Design advertisement that included the 40% Off sale offer and which linked to the terms and conditions on Closets by Design's website Second Amended Complaint 36

which noted that the sale would end on <u>June 18, 2023</u>. On information and belief, and implication, that sale will be extended yet again. Ballard has never seen an advertisement for Closet by Design's services that did not offer the 40% Off sale.

B. Closet World

- 151. The terms and conditions of Closet World's 40% Off sale currently state in their entirety: "50% off any order of \$1180 or more, 40% off any order of \$880 or more on any Closet, Garage or Office orders and other products. Not valid with any other offer. Offers and prices are subject to change without notice. Free installation and delivery with your order of \$850 or more. Offers valid with incoming order at time of purchase, with complete unit purchase. Expires 06/18/2023. Special financing for 12 mo. with minimum payments On approved credit. Call or ask your Designer for details." These terms do not require the customer to purchase more than one product. The FTC Guide Against Deceptive Pricing at 16 C.F.R. §233.4 does not, therefore, apply.
- 152. Closet World owns and operates a website at closetworld.com which is viewable in Southern California. The website homepage prominently displays its 40% Off discount offer. A significant number of consumers in Southern California have seen Closet World's deceptive 40% Off sale advertisement on that webpage.
- 153. In response to a request from Casablanca's counsel, Nathaniel E Frank-White of the Internet Archive downloaded certain archived closetworld.com webpages and provided authenticated copies to Casablanca's counsel. **Exhibit 24** (declaration). Counsel viewed each page and created the following list which identifies the date the webpage was archived, the Closet World "discount" being advertised, and the expiration date of that "discount" sale offer.

Archived Expiration Discount Mar 27, 2020 Apr 31, 2020 40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more Apr 17, 2020 Apr 31, 2020 40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more May 24, 2020 May 31, 2020 40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more Second Amended Complaint 37

1	Jun 16, 2020	Jun 30, 2020	40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more
2	Jul 13, 2020	Aug 31, 2020	40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more
3	Aug 11, 2020	Aug 31, 2020	40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more
4	Sept 7, 2020	Sept 13, 2020	40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more
5	Oct 17, 2020	Oct 31, 2020	40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more
6	Nov 22, 2020	Dec 31, 2020	40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more
7	Dec 9, 2020	Dec 31, 2020	40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more
8	Jan 24, 2021	Feb 28, 2021	40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more
9	Feb 24, 2021	Feb 28, 2021	40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more
10	Mar 8, 2021	Mar 31, 2021	40% Off \$700 or more, 50% Off \$1,000 or more
11	Apr 21, 2021	Apr 30, 2021	40% Off \$600 or more
12	May 15, 2021	Jun 30, 2021	50% Off \$600 or more
13	Jun 10, 2021	July 22, 2021	50% Off \$600 or more
14	Jul 15, 2021	July 31, 2021	50% Off \$600 or more
15	Aug 4, 2021	Aug 31, 2021	50% Off \$600 or more
16	Sep 15, 2021	Sept 30, 2021	40% Off \$600 or more
17	Oct 18, 2021	Nov 7, 2021	40% Off \$600 or more
18	Nov 27, 2021	Not archived	Not archived
19	Dec 17, 2021	Dec 15, 2021	50% Off \$600 or more
20	Jan 15, 2022	Jan 15, 2021	50% Off \$600 or more
21	Feb 16, 2022	Feb 26, 2022	50% Off \$600 or more
22	Mar 15, 2022	30 days	40% Off \$600 or more
23	Apr 11, 2022	May 7, 2022	40% Off \$600 or more
24	May 17, 2022	June 18, 2022	50% Off \$600 or more
25	Jun 9, 2022	30 days	50% Off \$600 or more
26	July 13, 2022	30 days	50% Off \$600 or more
27	Aug 24, 2022	Not archived	Not archived
28	Sept 27, 2022	30 days	40% Off \$880 or more
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      Oct 26, 2022
      30 days
      40% Off $880 or more

      Nov 16, 2022
      Dec 10, 2022
      40% Off $880 or more, 50% Off $1,180 or more

      Dec 17, 2022
      Dec 31, 2022
      40% Off $880 or more, 50% Off $1,180 or more

      Jan 19, 2023
      Jan 31, 2023
      40% Off $880 or more, 50% Off $1,180 or more

      Feb 16, 2023
      Feb 28, 2023
      40% Off $880 or more, 50% Off $1,180 or more
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154. Dennis visited The Internet Archive's Wayback Machine and ran an archive request for Closet World's website, closetworld.com. He downloaded one version of the website's homepage for every month between April 2018 through March 2023. Dennis viewed each homepage and created a table, attached here as **Exhibit 25**, that lists the dates when the site was archived and the Closet World "discount" being advertised.

155. Ballard viewed his Facebook and Instagram via his iPhone on various dates between February 8, 2023 and June 6, 2023. Appearing in the posts were Closet World advertisements that included the 40% Off sale offer. Ballard clicked each advertisement which resolved to the Closet World "Schedule Requests" webpage. That page displayed the terms and conditions for the sale offer. Ballard took screenshots of each advertisement and most of the terms and conditions. The following is the information he collected:

19	Date Viewed	Expiration	Discount
20	Date Viewed Feb 8, 2023 Feb 13, 2023 Mar 21, 2023 Apr 3, 2023 May 8, 2023 May 19, 2023 Jun 5, 2023	Not noted	50% Off
21	Feb 13, 2023	Not noted	50% Off "Presidents Day" sale
22	Mar 21, 2023	Mar 31, 2023	40% Off Plus 10% Off
23	Apr 3, 2023	Apr 30, 2023	40% Off Plus 10% Off
24	May 8, 2023	May 31, 2023	50% Off "Our Best Offer is Back"
25	May 19, 2023	May 31, 2023	50% Off "Offer Ends Soon"
26	Jun 5, 2023	Jun 18, 2023	50% Off

Ballard has never seen an advertisement for Closet World's services that did not offer the 40% Off sale.

to mislead or confuse consumers.

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40% lower than Closets by Design's bona fide list price.

- 164. Closets by Design and CBDF have made profits as a result of sales generated by consumers' viewing and relying upon the offer that they could purchase Closet by Design products at a 40% discount from its bona fide list price.
- 165. Closet World's 40% Off sale has been continuously advertised in interstate commerce since at least March 27, 2020.
- 166. A significant number of consumers in Southern California have seen Closet World's 40% Off sale advertisements. Consumers have contacted Closet World in response to viewing those advertisements. After viewing the advertisements it is probable that a substantial segment of consumers, acting reasonably, could be deceived into believing that Closet World's products were, and would again, be sold at a bona fide 40% higher list price.
- 167. Closet World's 40% Off sale offer, each expiration date asserted in each advertisement, and the claim it made in each advertisement that its sale will end, or is a new sale, or is a seasonal or holiday sale, are all literally false or likely to mislead or confuse consumers.
- 168. Closet World's 40% Off sale advertisements likely influenced consumers to purchase its products. Consumers have purchased products from Closet World due to the misimpression they formed after viewing the 40% Off advertisements that their purchase price was 40% lower than Closet World's bona fide list price.
- 169. Closet World has made profits as a result of sales generated by consumers' viewing and relying upon the offer that they could purchase its product at a 40% discount from its bona fide list price.

171. By reason of, and as a direct and proximate result of, Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World's false advertising, they have each caused, and are now causing, Casablanca harm, and, unless each is enjoined by the Court, each will continue to cause Casablanca immediate and irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, and for which Casablanca is entitled to injunctive relief.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Contributory False Advertising under 15 U.S.C. §1125(a)(1)B) (Against CBDF and Melkonian)

- 172. Casablanca realleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 173. Closets by Design and Closet World have engaged in false advertising.
- 174. CBDF has contributed to Closets by Design's false advertising by knowingly inducing it, or causing it, or materially participating in it as alleged herein.
- 175. Melkonian has contributed to Closets by Design and Closet World's Second Amended Complaint 42

false advertising by knowingly inducing it, or causing it, or materially participating in it as alleged herein.

- 176. CBDF and Melkonian have each, therefore, contributed to the harm Casablanca has suffered due to the complained-of false advertising.
- 177. By reason of, and as a direct and proximate result of, CBDF and Melkonian's contributory false advertising, they have each caused, and are now causing, Casablanca harm, and, unless each is enjoined by the Court, each will continue to cause Casablanca immediate and irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law, and for which Casablanca is entitled to injunctive relief.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION RICO Violations (18 U.S.C. §1962(a), (b), (c)). (Against Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World)

- 178. Casablanca realleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 179. <u>Creation of an Enterprise</u>. Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World created an enterprise through which they engage in racketeering activity, specifically, mail and wire fraud by means of distributing and publishing advertising through the mail and world wide web that each knows is false.
- 180. The facts that establish the creation of their enterprise were previously alleged in Paragraphs 9, 33-39, 41, 43-52, 54, 58-69, 80, and 85-87.
- 181. As previously alleged, all the corporate Defendants are wholly owned subsidiaries of Home Organizers, all four have their principal place of business at the same location, and Frank Melkonian is the CEO of all four (¶9). Additionally, they have other overlapping officers and directors: Gerard A. Thompson is the CFO, Secretary, and Treasurer of *both* CBDF and Closet World and is a Director of *both* CBDF and Home Organizers; Gerald Egner is *both* CBDF's President and a Home Organizers board member; and Alexsan Ohannes Jivalagian is *both* the Second Amended Complaint

- 182. <u>Purpose of the Enterprise</u>. The common purpose of their enterprise is to decrease their customer acquisition costs and increase their sales by diverting business from their competitors by distributing and publishing advertising via the mail and worldwide web that each Defendant knows is false.
- 183. To achieve the purpose of their enterprise, the corporate Defendants coordinate their advertising. The facts that establish their coordination were previously alleged in Paragraphs 34-39, 41, and 45-52.
- 184. <u>Intent to Defraud</u>. Each corporate Defendant knows their advertising is false and its distribution and publication fraudulent because each knows they never sell their products and services at a 40% higher list price, that the 40% Off sale has been continuous for at least two years, and their assertions in their advertising that the 40% Off sale will end on a date certain are all false.
- 185. Moreover, Frank Melkonian is the CEO of, and a manager of, each corporate Defendant and he, Closet World, and all others acting in concert with them—now including Closets by Design and CBDF—were permanently enjoined by the Orange County Superior Court's False Advertising Injunction from engaging in the very same false advertising complained-of here. See, ¶¶24-25, Exhibits 1, 2.
- 186. In addition, each corporate Defendant is aware of this Court's ruling in the related *Sarkhan Nabiyev v. Closet World, Inc. and Home Organizers, Inc.*, 2:23-cv-02218-ODW-PD (Nov. 16, 2023) case that Closet World's advertising is not protected by the FTC price guide safe harbor at 16 C.F.R. §233.4 but, rather, that the former price comparison guide at §233.1 applies to the complained-of advertising and that "Defendants' conduct **is not permitted** by the language of §233.1." *Id.* (emphasis added). See, ¶94.
- 187. Lastly, each corporate Defendant is aware that consumers have

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alleged in class action lawsuits against them that the complained-of advertising is false. Specifically, each corporate Defendant is aware those allegations were made in the currently pending *Vernon v. Closets by Design*, 2:23-cv-01180-JNW (WD Wash., filed Aug. 7, 2023) lawsuit and the closed *Newbold v. Closets by Design*, 8:19-cv-00077 (CD Cal., filed Jan. 14, 2019) and *Grevle v. Closets by Design*, 2:19-cv-3881 (CD Cal., filed May 3, 2019) lawsuits. See, ¶¶90-91.

- 188. In sum, the intent of each corporate Defendant to defraud consumers is established by each distributing and publishing the complained-of advertising in light of (i) their knowledge it is false, (ii) the False Advertising Injunction, (iii) this Court's finding that such advertising does not comply with the FTC price guide, and (iv) at least three class action lawsuits that allege their advertising is false.
- 189. <u>Material Falsehood</u>. The corporate Defendants' false advertisements contain material falsehoods, specifically; the fictitious 40% Off former price comparison and the assertions in the advertisements that the 40% Off sale will end on a date certain. Neither assertion is true. Moreover, the corporate Defendants do not disclose in any advertisement their alleged 40% higher List Price for their products and services. That alleged List Price is only revealed when their sales designer is physically in a potential customer's home. This fraud by omission prevents potential customers from comparing list prices among competitors.
- 190. The corporate Defendants' fictitious limited-in-time discount sale offers have a natural tendency to influence consumers to inquire into and buy the Defendant's products and services rather than contacting Casablanca. In short, false price discounts can and do entice consumers to buy the advertised product.
- 191. The Racketeering Participants. On information and belief, *every* complained-of advertisement the corporate Defendants distribute and publish contains the fraudulent 40% Off sale offer. *Every* person, therefore, who oversees, manages, or works in a Defendant's sales and marketing department participates in the racketeering activity, as does every advertising consultant a Defendant hires.

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capacity that provides each with information about, and/or control over, the false advertising: Brianne M. Rogers, Director, Global Sales & Support Operations; Lisa

Jensen, Marketing Manager; Jackie Almond, Sales and Marketing Department.

192. In addition to Melkonian, the following CBDF employees work in a

- 193. In addition to Melkonian, the following Closets by Design employees work in a capacity that provides each with information about, and/or control over, the false advertising: Mark Etzbach, Vice President of Sales; Susan Kroll, Sales & Operations Manager; Scott Shinedling, National Sales Support Manager.
- 194. In addition to Melkonian, the following Closet World employees work in a capacity that provides each with information about, and/or control over, the false advertising: Anne Pedrola, Division Sales Manager; Lucan Melkonian, Regional Sales Manager; Alex Bendigo, Senior Sales Manager; Liza M. Melkonian, Marketing and Advertising Department.
- 195. The Role of Racketeer CBDF: As previously alleged, CBDF in large part controls the prices and discounts that apply to the products and services offered by Closets by Designs® stores (¶¶70-71), it creates and controls the Closets by Designs® false advertising that it and its franchisees distribute and publish (¶¶74-76, 78-81), and it spends significant sums to distribute and publish those false advertisements via the mail and world wide web (¶¶82-84). On information and belief, it is also involved in creating, distributing, and publishing Closet World's false advertisements.
- 196. The Role of Racketeer Closets by Design: As previously alleged, Closets by Design is the owner and licensor of the "Closets by Design" trademark (¶43). Closets by Design distributes and publishes the complained-of false advertising via the mail and world wide web to promote sales in its three (3) Closets by Design® stores and the six (6) stores jointly-owned with CBDF (¶44). Closets by Design employees offer potential customers the false 40% Off discount via the telephone and in-person sales (¶101). Closets by Design publishes a website Second Amended Complaint 46

that prominently displays on its homepage the 40% Off sale, and which serves as the landing site linked-to by every Closets by Designs® false advertisement published on the world wide web, it publishes information about CBDF's franchising opportunities, and is used to compile information about potential customers residing throughout the country to facilitate sales calls by Closets by Designs® franchisees (¶¶45-51). Closets by Design is, according to Google's Ad Transparency Center, the "advertiser" of Closet World's advertising on Google (¶52).

- 197. The Role of Racketeer Closet World: As previously alleged, Closet World distributes and publishes the complained-of false advertising via the mail and world wide web to promote sales in its four (4) locations (¶¶35-37). Closet World employees offer potential customers the false 40% Off discount via the telephone and in-person sales (¶101). Closet World publishes a website that prominently displays on its homepage the false 40% Off sale (¶152). On information and belief, Closet World is involved in creating its false advertising.
- 198. The time, place, and manner of Closets by Design's mail fraud. As previously alleged, Closets by Design places its false advertising in the mail in the form of "wraps" distributed via newspapers within California (¶35, **Exhibit 3**). Closets by Design also distributes its false advertising via the mail in the form of direct mail coupons (¶119, **Exhibits 10, 8**). Over the last three years Johnson has received hundreds of such coupons via the mail at his home in Los Angeles County (*Id.*). Specifically, Johnson received such coupons in February, March, April, and in every other month in 2023.
- 199. The time, place, and manner of Closets by Design's wire fraud. As previously alleged, Closets by Design publishes a website that prominently displays its false 40% Off sale on its homepage (¶¶125-126, 132, **Exhibit 13**). The compiled fact allegations show the specific publication dates and establish that the false 40% Off sale was continuously advertised on the website from May 2020

(and periodically before) to March 2023 (*Id.*). That same false advertisement has been continuously displayed on the website from March 2023 to April 2024. Closets by Design also publishes its false advertising on the Meta social media platforms Facebook and Instagram (¶¶137-142, 144-150, **Exhibits 20, 22, 23**). The compiled fact allegations show the specific dates the false advertising was published (¶¶142, 144-150, **Exhibits 20, 22, 23**).

200. The time, place, and manner of Closet World's mail fraud. As previously alleged, Closet World places its false advertising in the mail in the form of "wraps" distributed via newspapers within California (¶35, Exhibit 3). Ballard received such wraps in the mail at his home in Sacramento County in April 2023 (May 31, 2023 sale expiration date), in October 2023 (Nov. 5, 2023 sale expiration date), in December 2023 (Jan. 8, 2024 sale expiration date), in March 2024 (Apr. 21, 2024 sale expiration date), and on many other dates. Closet World also distributes its false advertising via the mail in the form of direct mail coupons. Ballard received such coupons in the mail at his home in Sacramento County in March 2023 (Apr. 30, 2023 sale expiration date), in September 2023 (Oct. 31, 2023 sale expiration date), in November 2023 (Dec. 17, 2023 sale expiration date), in January 2024 (Feb. 28, 2024 sale expiration date), in February 2024 (Mar. 16, 2024 sale expiration date), in March 2024 (Apr. 14, 2024 sale expiration date), and on many other dates.

201. The time, place, and manner of Closet World's wire fraud. As previously alleged, Closet World publishes a website that prominently displays its false 40% Off sale on its homepage (¶¶152-154, **Exhibit 25**). The compiled fact allegations show the specific publication dates and establish that the false 40% Off sale was continuously advertised on the website from March 2020 (and periodically before) to March 2023 (¶153, **Exhibit 25**). That same false advertisement has been continuously displayed on the website from March 2023 to April 2024. Closet World also publishes its false advertising on the Meta social

media platforms Facebook and Instagram (¶155). The compiled fact allegations show the specific dates the false advertising was published (*Id.*). Ballard took many more screenshots of Closet World's false 40% Off social media advertising. A small sample reveals the advertisements were published on July 17, 2023 (Jul. 30 sale expiration date), on August 9, 2023 (Sept. 17, 2023 sale expiration date), on September 14, 2023 (Sept. 24, 2023 sale expiration date), on November 15 (Dec. 31, 2023 sale expiration date), January 12, 2024 (January 28, 2024 sale expiration date) and on many other dates.

202. The time, place, and manner of CBDF's mail fraud. As previously alleged, CBDF asserts its advertising expenses for 2018 were \$16,998,5502, for 2019 they were \$21,536,594, for 2020 they were \$23,025,552, for 2021 there were \$35,069,308, and for 2022 they were \$43,831,414 (¶83). Based on the bankruptcy petition it filed and its list of creditors, CBDF advertises heavily via direct mail marketing (¶77). Specifically, CBDF and Closets by Design jointly own six (6) Closets by Designs® stores which CBDF asserts are operated by Closets by Design (¶58). One such store is in Whittier, California and directly competes with Casablanca (*Id.*). Every false advertisement Closets by Design distributes via the mail in California to promote Closets by Designs® products and services (*see specifically* ¶198) is done with the assent and cooperation of CBDF, which is, therefore, jointly liable for that mail fraud. Moreover, CBDF uses the mail to interact with its franchisees, and, on information and belief, with Closet World and outside advertising consultants, regarding the creation, distribution, and publication of its false advertising.

203. The time, place, and manner of CBDF's wire fraud. Again, CBDF asserts its yearly advertising expenses are tens of millions of dollars (¶83). CBDF advertises its Closets by Designs® franchise opportunity on Closets by Design's website which prominently displays the false 40% Off sale on its homepage and which lists CBDF's franchise locations and information about each one (¶¶46-51).

- 204. The mail and wire fraud committed by each of the corporate Defendants was intentionally done to deprive its competitors, including Casablanca, of the profits they would otherwise have earned but for the false advertising.
- 205. The above allegations establish that the corporate Defendants' false advertising constitutes mail and wire fraud and is a pattern of racketeering activity. 18 U.S.C. §§1341, 1343, 1961(5).
- 206. The corporate Defendants have each received income derived from their pattern of racketeering activity and each has used or invested part of that income to operate their respective businesses, each of which affects interstate commerce, and to fund their continuing enterprise. Such conduct, along with their other conduct as alleged herein, violates 18 U.S.C. §1962(a).
- 207. Through their pattern of racketeering activity, the corporate Defendants have maintained an interest in and control of their respective businesses, each of which affects interstate commerce, and of their continuing enterprise. Such conduct, along with their other conduct as alleged herein, violates 18 U.S.C. §1962(b).
- 208. The corporate defendants are each associated with the enterprise they created. Their enterprise engages in and affects interstate commerce. Through a pattern of racketeering activity, each of these corporate Defendants conducts or participates in the affairs of that enterprise. Such conduct, along with their other

conduct as alleged herein, violates 18 U.S.C. §1962(c).

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FOURTH CAUS OF ACTION **RICO Violation (18 U.S.C. §1962(d)).**

(Against Melkonian)

- 209. Casablanca realleges each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 210. As alleged previously, Melkonian has been, and remains, deeply involved in the corporate Defendants' false advertising (¶¶20-24, 26). It is law of the case that Casablanca has asserted "more than enough factual allegations for the Court to determine Melkonian was—and continues to be—deeply involved in the day-to-day activities of Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World-which include the advertising of their products." Dkt. 37 at 9:1-24.
- The RICO conspiracy statute declares it is "unlawful for any person to conspire to violate any of the provisions of subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section." 18 U.S.C. §1962(d). The person need not personally participate in the substantive racketeering scheme but, rather, he violates the statute when he "knew about and agreed to facilitate" that scheme, specifically, if he "agree[s] to conduct or participate in the affairs of an enterprise through a pattern of racketeering." Relevant Grp. v. Nourmand (C.D. Cal., July 25, 2022, 2:19-cv-05019-ODW (KSx)) [p. 37].
- 212. As CEO of each corporate Defendant who is deeply involved in their day-to-day activities, including their advertising, Melkonian knows about the mail and wire fraud each is committing by their distribution and publication of their false advertising. He has agreed to, at least, facilitate those frauds as evidenced by him tolerating the many-years-long duration of the frauds (Exhibits 13, 20, 25), his knowledge via the False Advertising Injunction that the complained-of advertising is unlawful (¶26), and this Court's finding that the complained-of advertising does 51

1 not comply with the FTC price guides (¶186).

- 213. Moreover, Melkonian is aware that the mail and wire fraud being committed by the corporate Defendants is causing harm to their competitor, Casablanca.
- 214. By agreeing to facilitate the frauds, Melkonian has violated the RICO conspiracy statute. 18 U.S.C. §1962(d).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Casablanca prays for relief and judgment as follows:

- 1. A finding that Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World have each engaged in false advertising in violation of the Lanham Act (15 U.S.C. §1125(a)(1)(B));
- 2. A finding that Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World's false advertising is intentional, willful, and malicious;
- 3. A finding that Casablanca has been irreparably harmed by Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World's false advertising and issuing an injunction prohibiting each of those companies from continuing to distribute and publish their false advertising;
- 4. Ordering Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World to pay, jointly and severally, monetary relief to Casablanca pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1117(a) for each company's false advertising, specifically: (i) the profits each company earned as a result of its false advertising, (ii) the amount in damages Casablanca sustained as a result of each company's false advertising, and (iii) Casablanca's costs of this action;
- 5. A finding that CBDF and Melkonian have each engaged in contributory false advertising in violation of the Lanham Act by (15 U.S.C. §1125(a)(1)(B);
- 6. A finding that CBDF and Melkonian's contributory false advertising

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was intentional, willful, and malicious;

- 7. A finding that Casablanca has been irreparably harmed by CBDF and Melkonian's contributory false advertising and entry of an injunction prohibiting each from continuing to contribute to the distribution and publication of Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World's false advertising;
- 8. Ordering CBDF and Melkonian, jointly and severally, to pay Casablanca monetary relief pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1117(a) for their contributory false advertising specifically: (i) the profits each earned as a result of their contributory false advertising, including at least two years of Melkonian's salary, (ii) the amount in damages Casablanca sustained as a result of their contributory false advertising, and (iii) Casablanca's costs of the action;
- 9. Awarding Casablanca pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, to the fullest extent allowable at law or in equity, on all damages;
- 10. A finding that this is an exceptional case under the Lanham Act and awarding Casablanca its reasonable attorneys' fees under 15 U.S.C. §1117(a);
- 11. Entering an order requiring each Defendant to publish corrective advertising;
- 12. Entering an order prohibiting each Defendant from using the names "Casablanca," "One Day," "One Day Doors," and "One Day Doors and Closets," or any confusingly similar variation of any of those names, as a keyword or other device to generate any online advertisements;
- 13. A finding that Casablanca is an intended beneficiary of the False Advertising Injunction issued in the *People v. Closet World* action;
- 14. A finding that Closets by Design, CBDF, and Closet World have each violated the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (18 U.S.C. §1962(a), (b), (c));
- 15. A finding that Melkonian violated the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (18 U.S.C. §1962(d));

1	16. Ordering Closets by	y Design, CBDF, Closet World, and Melkonian,	
2	jointly and severally, to pay Casablanca monetary relief under 18 U.S.C. §1964(c)		
3	specifically: (i) threefold Casablanca's damages, (ii) a reasonable attorneys' fee,		
4	and (iii) Casablanca's costs of the action;		
5	17. Granting such other	r and further relief as this Court deems just and	
6	proper.		
7		Respectfully submitted,	
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9	Date: April 10, 2023	PETERSON WATTS LAW GROUP, LLP	
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff.

Defendant.

VS. CLOSET WORLD, INC

ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO:

JUDGE MICHAEL BRENNER DEPT, C12

COMPLAINT FOR INJUNCTION, CIVIL PENALTIES, AND OTHER **EQUITABLE RELIEF**

The People of the State of California, by and through Tony Rackauckas, District Attorney, by Wendy Brough, Deputy District Attorney, for the County of Orange, allege:

VENUE AND JURISDICTION

- 1. Tony Rackauckas, as District Attorney of the County of Orange, acting to protect the public from unfair, unlawful or fraudulent business practices, and from untrue or misleading statements, brings this action in the public interest in the name of the People of the State of California and the County of Orange.
- 2. Plaintiff, by this action and pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 17200, 17203, and 17206 seeks to enjoin Defendant from engaging in unfair, fraudulent or unlawful business practices alleged herein and seeks to obtain civil penalties for the Defendant's violations of the above-mentioned statutes.
- 3. Defendant transacts business within the county of Orange, and elsewhere in the state of California. The violations of law hereinafter described have been carried out wholly or in part

within said county of Orange and elsewhere in the state of California. The actions of Defendant, as set out below, are in violation of the laws and public policies of the state of California and are inimical to the rights and interests of the general public. Unless enjoined and restrained by an order of the Court, Defendant may continue to engage in unlawful acts and courses of conduct set out herein.

DEFENDANT

- Defendant Closet World, Inc., headquartered at 3860 Capitol Avenue, Whittier,
 California 90601, manufactures and installs in consumers' homes various closest, cabinetry and shelving.
- 5. Whenever reference is made in this Complaint to any representation, act, or transaction of Defendant, said allegation shall be deemed to mean that the principals, officers, directors, employees, agents, and representatives of said Defendant, while actively engaged within the course and scope of their employment or agency, did or authorized such representations, acts, or transactions on behalf of said Defendant.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATIONS OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 17200

(Acts of Unfair Competition)

- Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 5, inclusive,
 as though set forth fully and at length herein.
- 7. Beginning at an exact date unknown to Plaintiff, but at least within the last four (4) years preceding the filing of this Complaint, Defendant has engaged in certain acts of unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent practices in violation of section 17200 of the Business and Professions Code, including but not limited to the following:
 - A. Defendant made false or misleading representations to purchasers and/or prospective purchasers that specific items were "on sale" for a limited time only when, in fact, said items were "on sale" for periods longer than would be implied from Defendant's' advertisement.
 - B. Defendant made false or misleading representations concerning a reduced

selling price or percentage off a comparison price, including but not limited to, "list price," or a "manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP)," of merchandise.

- C. Defendant made false or misleading representations to consumers regarding comparison prices, including but not limited to, "list price," or a "manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP)," of merchandise which were fictitious or did not represent a price at which the merchandise had been offered for sale to the public.
- D. Defendant placed in its contracts between Defendant and consumers, an exculpatory clause for release of liability for damage caused to consumers' homes by Defendant during product installation, that was insufficiently clear and conspicuous.
- 8. Defendant's acts of unfair competition as described above constitute patterns and practices central to the operation of Defendant's business. Unless enjoined by order of this Court, Defendants may continue to engage in such acts of unfair competition.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

VIOLATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 17500

(False or Misleading Statements)

- Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 5, inclusive, as though set forth fully and at length herein.
- 10. Beginning at an exact date unknown to Plaintiff, but at least within the last three (3) years preceding the filing of this complaint, Defendant, with the intent to induce members of the California public to purchase its products, made or disseminated or caused to be made or disseminated within the county of Orange and elsewhere within the state of California, certain false or misleading statements which Defendant knew, or by exercise of reasonable care should have known, to be untrue or misleading within the meaning of section 17500 of the California Business and Professions Code, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - A. Defendant made false or misleading representations to purchasers and/or prospective purchasers that specific items were "on sale" for a limited time only when, in fact, said items were "on sale" for periods longer than would be implied from Defendant's' advertisement.

- B. Defendant made false or misleading representations concerning a reduced selling price or percentage off a comparison price, including but not limited to, "list price," or a "manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP)," of merchandise.
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- 11. The representations and statements made by Defendant as set forth above were untrue or misleading when made, and were known, or should have been know, by Defendant to be untrue and misleading.
- Unless enjoined by order of this Court, Defendants may continue to make such untrue or misleading statements.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that:

- 1. Defendant and its principals, employees, agents, representatives, successors and all persons, corporations or other entities acting under, by, through or on behalf of Defendant, or acting in concert or participation with or for Defendant with actual or constructive notice of the injunction, issued by this court, be temporarily, preliminarily, and thereafter permanently, restrained and enjoined from engaging in unfair business practices in violation of Business and Professions Code section 17200 and be specifically enjoined from engaging in the types of acts or practices set forth in the First Cause of Action.
- 2. Defendant and its principals, employees, agents, representatives, successors and all persons, corporations or other entities acting under, by, through or on behalf of Defendant, or acting in concert or participation with or for Defendant with actual or constructive notice of the injunction, issued by this court, be temporarily, preliminarily, and thereafter permanently, restrained and enjoined from making untrue or misleading statements in violation of Business and Professions Code section 17500 and be specifically enjoined from making the untrue or misleading statements set forth in the Second Cause of Action.
 - 3. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17206, Defendant be assessed a

civil penalty in an amount no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for each violation of Business and Professions Code section 17200 perpetrated by Defendant.

- 4. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 17536, Defendant be assessed a civil penalty in an amount no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for each violation of Business and Professions Code section 17500 perpetrated by Defendant.
- That Plaintiff have such other and further relief as the nature of the case may require, and the Court deems appropriate to dissipate the false, misleading, unlawful, or unfair acts complained of herein.
 - Plaintiff recover its costs of litigation.

TONY RACKAUCKAS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DATED: June 27, 2000

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VS

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Plaintiff,

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CLOSET WORLD, INC.

INJUNCTION AND FINAL
JUDGMENT PURSUANT
TO STIPULATION

Defendant.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED between the Plaintiff, the People of the State of California, by and through its attorneys Tony Rackauckas, District Attorney of the County of Orange, by Wendy Brough, Deputy District Attorney, and Defendant Closet World, Inc., through attorneys Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, LLP, by Aton Arbisser, and it appearing to the Court that the parties have stipulated and consented to the entry of Judgment without the taking of proof and without this Final Judgment constituting any admission by Defendant as to any issue of law or fact alleged in the Complaint; and the Court having considered the matter and the pleadings, and good cause appearing, therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

JURISDICTION

1 This Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter and the parties thereto.

APPLICABILITY

2 The injunctive provisions of this Judgment are applicable to Defendant Closet World,

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INJUNCTION AND FINAL JUDGMENT PURSUANT TO STIPULATION

Inc., and to all persons, corporations or other entities acting by, through, under or on behalf of said Defendant, and to all persons, corporations, or other entities acting in concert with or participating with said Defendant with actual or constructive knowledge of this Injunction and Final Judgment.

INJUNCTION

- Effective upon entry of this Judgment, Defendant Closet World, Inc., and all officers, employees, representatives, persons, corporations or other entities acting by, through, under or on behalf of said Defendant or any successor in interest or within the course and scope of their employment by the Defendant or any successor in interest, are hereby permanently enjoined and restrained under Business and Professions Code sections 17203 and 17535, in the county of Orange and elsewhere in the state of California from violating Business and Professions Code sections 17200 and 17500, by any of, but not limited to, the following acts or practices:
 - A. Representing that the price of any product is reduced for a specified time period unless the reduced price actually terminates at the end of the specified time period.
 - B. Representing any reduced selling price or percentage off unless it is accurate, true and not misleading
 - C Representing to consumers a comparison price, including but not limited to, "original price," "list price," or a "manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP)" of merchandise which is fictitious or does not represent a price at which the merchandise has been offered for sale to the public
 - D Including a release from liability clause in the form of paragraph 13 in Closet World's current contract used between Closet World and consumers. If Closet World, Inc., chooses to include another exculpatory or release clause, or any waiver whatsoever of liability, that clause shall be clear and conspicuous
 - The clause shall be in bold letters in type size at least two (2) points larger size type than the rest of the document and shall be set apart in such a way as to cause consumers to notice it
 - Closet World may not use the clause to deny legitimate consumer claims against them for damage not covered by the waiver.

COMPLIANCE For the purpose of securing compliance with the terms of this Injunction and Final 2 4. Judgement, Defendant Closet World, Inc. shall make advertisements and other evidence as described 3 in paragraph 5 available for inspection to the Orange County District Attorney's Office upon ten (10) 4 days notice for a period of two (2) years. 5 5 In determining the accuracy of any comparison price such as MSRP, list or original 6 price it is incumbent upon the Defendant to produce evidence to the Orange County District 7 8 Attorney's Office upon ten (10) days notice for a period of two (2) years on these issues: The source of any higher price 9 A. The period of time the product was offered for sale at the higher price. B 10 The number of sales of the product at the higher price C. 11 D Whether the product was openly and actively offered for sale by Closet World 12 stores within the local trade area in California at the higher price 13 E The conditions of any sales at higher prices 14 PENALTIES AND COSTS OF INVESTIGATION 15 Upon entry of the Final Judgment, and pursuant to Business and Professions Code 6 16 sections 17206 and 17536, Defendant Closet World, Inc., shall pay in civil penalties, restitution, and 17 costs of investigation the sum of Eighty Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$80,369), with 18 disbursement as follows: 19 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) as civil penalties; payment shall be in the 20 form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to the County of Orange. 21 Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) as reimbursement of costs of 22 investigation, payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable 23 to the County of Orange 24 C. Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) as restitution, as described in paragraph 8, 25 below, payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable to the 26 "Orange County Consumer Protection Prosecution Fund" 27 D Three Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$369) as reimbursement of costs of 28

investigation; payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check or money order made payable 1 2 to the Contractors State License Board. 7 Payments pursuant to this Judgment shall be mailed or delivered to the following 3 4 address. 5 Orange County District Attorney's Office Wendy Brough, Deputy District Attorney 6 Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit 7 401 Civic Center Drive 8 Santa Ana, California 92701 9 10 ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S PROSECUTION TRUST FUND Cy pres restitution will be held in the trust solely for the purpose of investigating and 11 prosecuting consumer protection actions (whether civil or criminal) brought by the Orange County 12. District Attorney's Office under the guidelines set forth in State of California v Levi Strauss and Co 13 41 Cal 3d 460 (1986) and People v ITT Consumer Financial Corporation (Alameda County 14 Superior Court No. 656038-0) 15 A The money shall be placed into a cy pres trust fund entitled "Orange County 16 Consumer Protection Prosecution Fund " The provisions of this judgment shall exclusively 17 govern the disbursement from the trust fund. Additional funds may be donated or 18 contributed to the "Orange County Consumer Protection Prosecution Fund." 19 B The types of expenditures that may be made from the fund include, but are 20 not limited to, the following 21 Purchasing equipment for use by attorneys, investigators, and support 22 staff, including but not limited to computers, software, optical scanners, copying 23 machines, books, reference materials, furniture, photographic equipment, audio and 24 video equipment, surveillance equipment, and printers. 25 2. Establishing and maintaining a computerized database and modems 26 Providing funds for consultants, experts, witnesses, litigation 27 expenses, and evidence testing. 28

1	4 Providing funds for undercover operations and investigation expenses		
2	5 Providing funds for training and necessary travel for attorneys,		
3	investigators, and support staff		
4	6 Providing funds for training for members of law enforcement and		
5	regulatory agencies in Orange County		
6	7 Providing funds for equipment used for the purpose of collecting,		
7	storing and testing evidentiary materials.		
8	8. Providing funds for research studies and statistical analysis		
9	C. The trust fund shall be administered by three trustees consisting of the Chief		
10	Assistant District Attorney, the Assistant District Attorney in charge of Special Operations,		
11	and the Chief Investigator, Bureau of Investigation, Orange County District Attorney's Office		
12	or their delegates		
13	JURISDICTION RETAINED		
14	9 Jurisdiction is retained for the purpose of enabling any party to this Injunction and		
15	Final Judgment to apply to the Court at any time for such further order and directions as may be		
16	necessary and appropriate for the construction of or the carrying out of this Injunction and Final		
17	Judgment, for the enforcement of compliance therewith, and for punishment of violations thereof		
18	STIPULATION AND JUDGMENT		
19	10. Plaintiff, the People of the State of California, through their attorney, Tony		
20	Rackauckas, District Attorney for the County of Orange, by Wendy Brough, Deputy District		
21	Attorney, and Defendants Closet World, Inc., through attorneys Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays &		
22	Handler, LLP, by Aton Arbisser, hereby stipulate and agree that Judgment may be entered in this		
23	case in accordance with the Injunction and Final Judgment herein above set forth and incorporated		
24	at this point as if set out in full		
25	TONY RACKAUCKAS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF ORANGE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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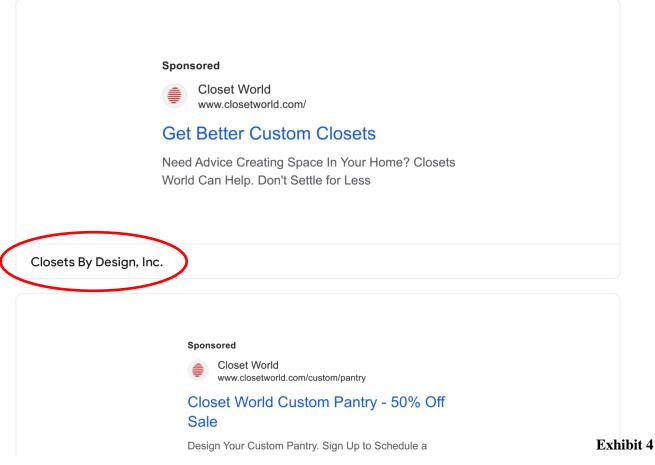
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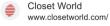
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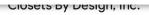
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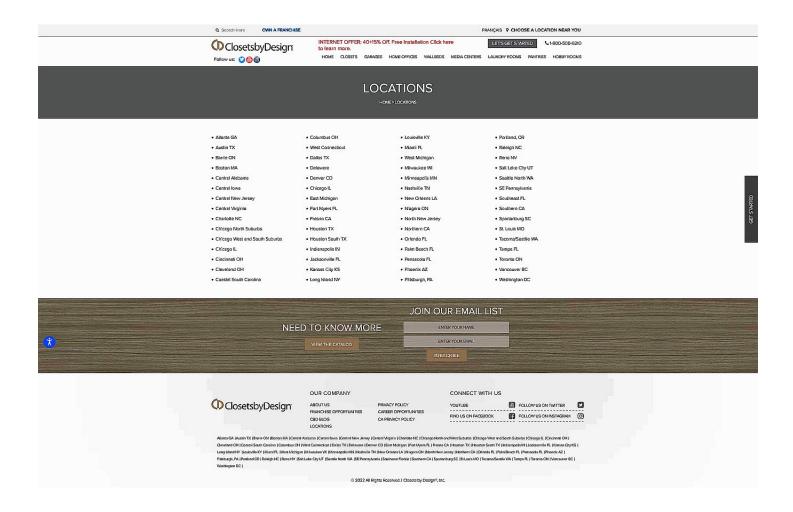
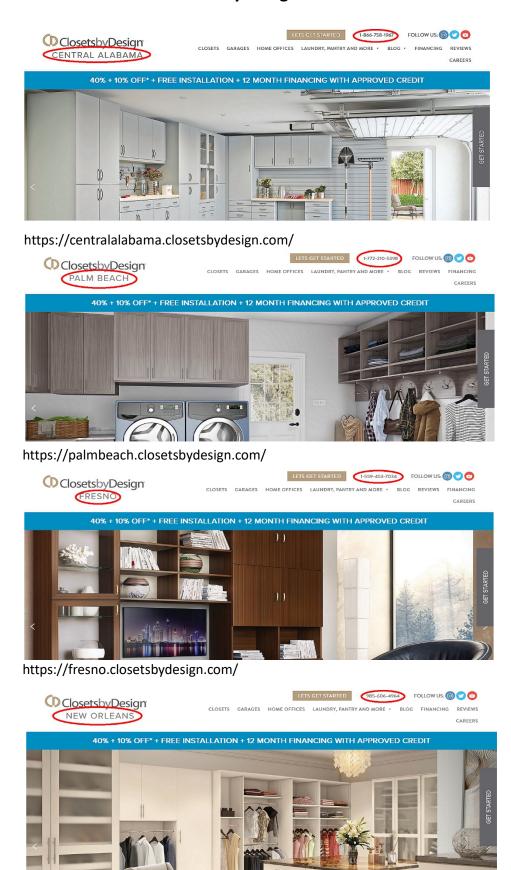


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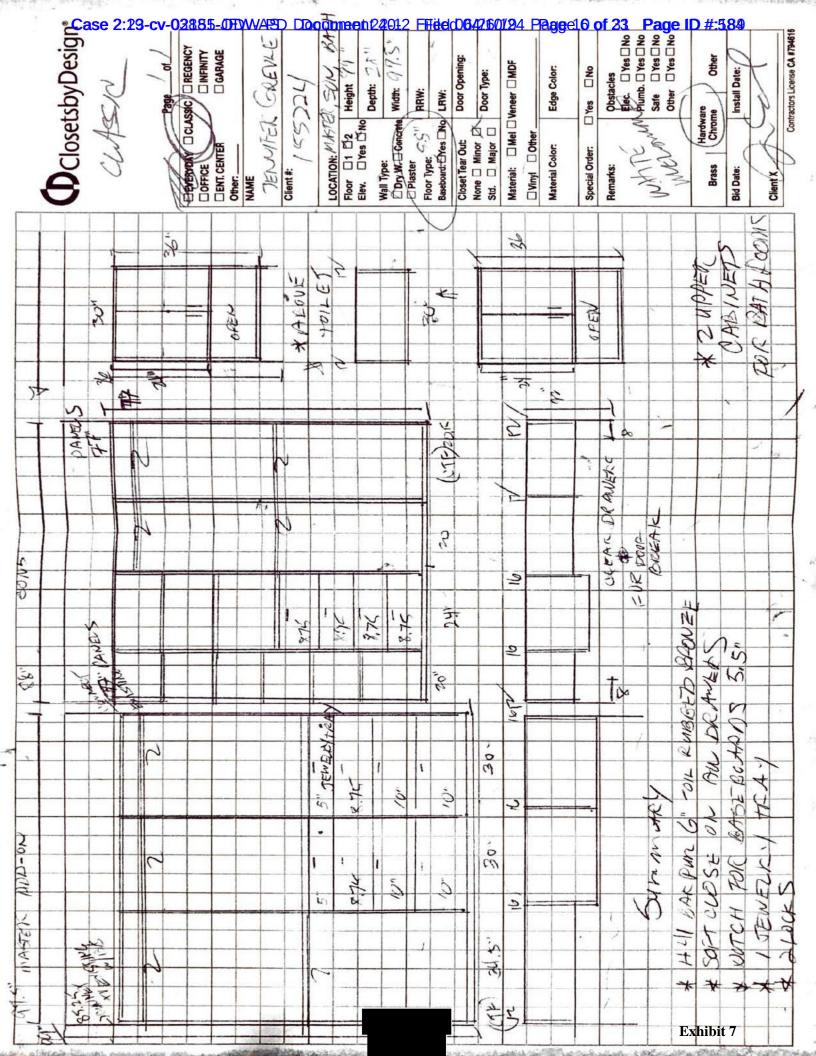
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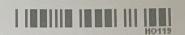
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PRE-CONTRACTUAL DISCLOSURE

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Closets by Design 3850 Capital Avenue, Whittier, CA 90601 (310) 515-1210 Contractor's License Number 794616

Closets By Designs, Inc. is licensed by the Contractors State Licensing Board and is required by the law to provide you the following notice before you may sign a contract with us to perform work on your property.

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STATE LAWS REQUIRE ANYONE WHO CONTACTS TO DO CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BE LICENSED BY THE CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD IN THE LICENSE CATEGORY IN WHICH THE CONTACTOR IS GOING TO BE WORKING IF THE TOTAL PRICE OF THE JOB IS \$500.00 OR MORE (INCLUDING LABOR AND MATERIALS).

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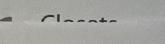
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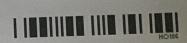
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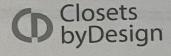
Under the California Mechanic's Lien Law, any other contractor, subcontractor, laborer, supplier or other person who helps improve your property, but is not paid for his/her work supplies, has a right to enforce a claim against your home or property.

This means that after a court hearing, your home or property could be sold by a court officer and the proceeds of the sale used to satisfy what you owe. This can happen even if you have paid your contractor in full if the subcontractors, laborers or suppliers remain unpaid.

To preserve their right to file a claim or lien against your home or property, certain claimants such as contractors or material suppliers are required to provide you with a document entitled "Preliminary Notice." Contractors and laborers for wages do not have to provide this notice. A Preliminary Notice is not a lien against your property, its purpose is to notify you of persons who may have a right to file a lien against your property if they are not paid. In order to protect their lien right, a contractor, supplier or laborer must file a mechanics lien with the county recorder, which then becomes a recorded lien against your property. Generally, the maximum time allowed for filling a mechanics lien against your property is 90 days after substantial completion of your project.







Pre Installation Guidelines

Scheduled Installation Date: In the event you need to change your installation date, please notify our installation and customer service department at least 48 hours prior to your scheduled date. That direct number is 1-800-407-4704. This would also be the number you call for any warranty or service work.

Payment: Please have final payment ready for the installer when he arrives.

For Everyone's Safety: Please be sure that children and pets are kept clear from the work area. Please have furniture and other articles removed from work area.

Please Clear Work Area: Remove all articles from installation work area. Please remove any pictures, mirrors or delicate items from adjoining walls that may be shaken loose during the install. Please remove vehicles, bikes, golf clubs and other personal items from the garage and driveway prior to garage installation.

Preparation: Standard tear out will be done on the day of our installation. Tear out done on a separate day should be discussed with your Designer in advance and scheduled. If you wish to save your existing shelving, please notify our installer prior to removal. We will do everything we can to save your existing material and baseboards but cannot guarantee its condition, due to aging and the manner in which it was originally installed.

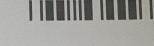
Painting: Most of our clients do not paint prior to our arrival. Minor touch up painting and patching can be done once the new closet system is installed. We do NOT provide this service. If you chose to paint the closet please remove baseboards, shelves and rods prior to painting and allow 48 hours for the paint to dry.

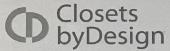
Backing: Closets By Design offers backing as an option at an additional cost. All of our closets are manufactured <u>without</u> backing unless backing is specified on the plans and contract. Backing is included in Infinity Offices and garage cabinets.

Custom Built: All our units are manufactured according to your plans. Any changes to your plans must be discussed with your Designer and noted on your plans prior to manufacturing. Changes necessary after your order is placed may incur additional charges and require a change in your installation date.

Upon Completion: Closets By Design is licensed, bonded and insured. Our installers follow strict guidelines to ensure a quality installation. Upon completion, please take a moment to look over your installation to make sure everything is to your satisfaction.

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Project and Design Approval

Material/Color/Hardware

- √ The material for your custom project will be the highest quality industrial grade particle board with a melamine finish.
- $\sqrt{}$ A glue seam may be visible on the edge banding of your shelves and panels.
- √ Straight edge treatment is standard on all panels, shelves, doors and drawers.
 You may upgrade to a soft edge finish. If soft edge is purchased, the soft edge
 will be on the vertical side of doors only and the horizontal sides of drawer faces.
- √ The interior of drawers are white. You can upgrade to a matching interior color.
- √ Chrome handles are standard. You can upgrade to other styles and colors.
- √ All projects are custom made just for you. Your project may take more than one day to install and may not be symmetrical based upon your floors and walls.

Closet Projects

- √ Your Designer has reviewed placement of drawers and location of outlets, light switches, windows, attic access and other space obstacles.
- √ Our standard installation is flush against the wall and requires the removal of your baseboard. You may wish to upgrade to notched panels at an additional charge.
- $\sqrt{}$ Backing is not standard in closets and may be purchased at your option.
- √ Panels are attached to the wall with small visible "L" brackets.

Garage Projects

- √ Designer has reviewed placement of cabinets and impact of garage door opening.
- √ Cabinets come with full backing and are installed off the floor on a steel rail.
- √ If a workbench is included, designer has reviewed finished height.
- \checkmark The garage must be emptied prior to arrival of installation.

Office/Media Center/Wall Bed Projects

- √ Your Designer has reviewed placement of components and cord management facilitated by the various grommet packages chosen.
- √ Your designer has reviewed your countertop selection and the finished height.
- $\sqrt{}$ Standard installation of lower cabinets will be in front of your base molding.
- $\sqrt{}$ Lower cabinets will be partially backed for ease of cord movement.
- $\sqrt{}$ Bed cabinet will be screwed into the wall studs for security.

I approve of the project and design specifications.

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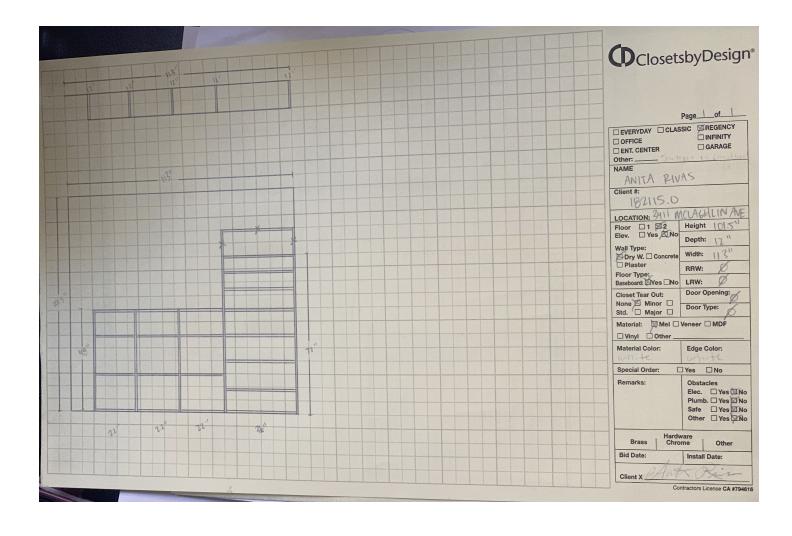
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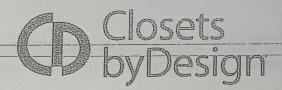
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	CLIENT# ENTER DATE OF TRANSACTION whether by check or credit curd
	You may cancel this transaction without penalty or obligation within three business days from the above date. by the dright lifyou cancel, any property traded in, any payments made by you under the sale, and any negotiable instrument executed by you will
	be returned within 10 business days following receipt by the seller of your cancellation notice; and any security interest arising out of the transaction will be cancelled.
	If you cancel, you must make available to the seller at your residence, in substantially as good condition as when received, any goods delivered to you under the contractor sale, or you may if you wish, comply with the instructions of the seller regarding the return shipment of the goods at the seller's expense and risk.
	If you do make the goods available to the seller and the seller does not pick them up within 20 days of the date of your notice of cancellation, you may retain or dispose of the goods without any further obligation.
	If you fail to make the goods available to the seller, or if you agree to return the goods to the seller and fail to do so, then you remain liable for performance of all obligations under the contract.
	To cancel this transaction, mail or deliver a signed and dated copy of this cancellation notice or any other written notice or send telegram to: or via email to; gwicks@closets by design.com
	Closets By Design, Inc. 3850 Capitol Ave., Whittier, CA 90601
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General Product Care & Maintenance

The maintenance of your new product requires nothing more than light dusting. However, should more than dusting be required, we recommend the following.

Melamine Laminate

Simple household cleaners

Furniture polish

Warm water and mild soap, wipe away excess.

Avoid:

Cleaners with abrasives, acids, or alkalis

Chlorine Bleach

Hydrogen Peroxide

Mineral or hydrochloric acids such as Lime-A-Way®

Berry juices

Dyes

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Rods

Rods and other steel components are best cleaned with a soft cloth.

Non-abrasive household cleaners will also work.

Lucite

Lucite doors should be cleaned with a soft cloth and plain water or solution specifically

formulated for cleaning acrylic plexiglass.

Avoid:

Abrasive Cleaners

Window Cleaner

Solutions with alcohol, ammonia, acetone or harsh solvents

Velvet Jewelry Trays

Velvet drawer inserts can be cleaned with a lint brush, a vacuum, or lint roller. Avoid allowing the velvet to become wet, as the color will bleed.

Closets by Design Product Warranty

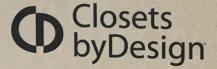
Closets by Design Seven Year Warranty applies to all custom designed storage units and organizers manufactured and installed by Closet by Design employees. The Warranty is only available to the original purchaser of the unit when installed in the purchasers home or dwelling indicated on the sales agreement. This Warranty is Non-Transferable.

The Warranty provides for the replacement of faulty components manufactured by Closets by Design under normal wear and use from the installation date for seven years.

Excluded from this Warranty are all situations related to damage due to abuse, misuse, fire, flood, earthquake, acts of nature, failure caused by corrosion, storage of over-weighted objects and the installation and labor costs associated with the required replacement of components.

Products that were not manufactured but were installed by Closets by Design, such as mirrored closet doors and many accessories have a one year Warranty.

To claim a replacement under the provisions of this Warranty, simply provide proof of original purchase and contact Warranty Department of Closets by Design and the necessary arrangements will be made to honor the Warranty.



March 1, 2005

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Yancy Dennis

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Data Scientist

Accomplished senior leader executing data-driven solutions to increase efficiency, accuracy, and utility of internal data processing. Proven background in creating data regression models, using predictive data modeling, and analyzing data mining algorithms to deliver insights and implement action-oriented solutions to complex business problems.

Technical Proficiencies

Oracle SQLPLUS, PL/SQL, VB.Net, Advanced Excel, Java, C#, MySQL, R, Python, Streamlit, PostgreSQL, SAS, AWS, Jira, Databricks, Database Management

Career Experience

ARDX, Owings Mills, MD **2019 – 2023**

Senior Manager of Program Evaluation and Business Analytics, 2020 - 2023

Delivered solutions and actionable insights for key stakeholders to reduce costs, improve outcomes, and forecast business performance. Executed advanced trend analytics, mined data to answer relevant needs, and conducted root cause statistical analyses. Developed predictive models and deploy science-based evaluation processes. Identified indicators of fraud, waste, and abuse by profiling data extracted from the Multidimensional Information and Data Analytics System (MIDAS). Served as subject matter expert on risk adjustment and encounter data.

- Identified drug prescribing patterns through analysis of CMS Medicare Advantage Plan prescription drug events.
- Cultivated a risk profiling report based on queries for the Integrated Data Repository which holds over 60M Medicare enrollees.

Data Scientist, 2019 - 2020

Led advanced analytics projects utilizing big data and advanced science method and technologies. Improved customer experience, operational effectiveness, and increased business value delivering insights using advanced statistical and machine learning techniques. Collaboratively built end-to-end data pipelines to deploy advanced models. Developed mathematical and statistical models to distinguish relevant content and recognize patterns.

- Effectively designed a data management plan for the Appeals and Integrity Contract.
- Evaluated population and policy changes on Program Integrity Priorities utilizing microsimulation efforts.

Fixt, Baltimore, MD
Senior Data Analyst Consultant

2018 - 2019

Designed, built, and maintained efficient, reusable, and reliable data analytics processes and dashboards. Interfaced with clients to identify business needs and recommend solutions. Led client engagement encompassing work plans, staffing, deadlines, budgeting, and strategizing to maintain integrated project plans. Integrated automation across multiple work processes including account management, financial reporting, and pricing strategies. Oversaw the intern program with direction of intern recruitment strategies targeting top tier schools such as MIT and Cornell.

• Enhanced customer service with topic models using Python with NLTK to discover hidden semantic structures within customer feedback data.

Building New Leaders, Baltimore, MD *Principal*

2011 - 2018

Developed, enhanced, and maintained web and mobile solutions across government and private sector clients. Improved job performance with implementation of workplace initiatives. Tracked industry trends and networked at industry events to remain updated on new technologies.

- Cultivated and launched computer applications for the United States Geological Services (USGS), Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), Boone Restoration, and New York University.
- Formulated Access and MySQL database solutions for stakeholders in partnership with Archscan, LLC.

Allegis Group Services, Hanover, MD **Solution Architect**

2010 - 2011

Cultivated client solutions focusing on most efficient technological and business processes to enable capabilities required by the business. Analyzed clients' business and technical challenges, designed comprehensive solutions for smooth integration. Converted business visions into technical solution by liaising with business and technical stakeholders, built a clear technology strategy and roadmap, and remained up-to-date on industry trends and technologies.

- Successfully generated an XML invoice feed for SAP financials with design of C# application for America Online.
- Supported Fortune 500 clients with integration of COTS vendor management tools.

Principal, KonceptNexus, Owings Mills, MD

2008-2011

Marketed online professional training courses to educational institutions and Fortune 1000 companies, partnering with the National Education Foundation. Developed social networking and educational websites using Drupal CMS.

- Targeted potential clients, increasing enrollment.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams, meeting/exceeding project goals.

Lead Business Architect, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Owings Mills, MD

2007-2008

Oversaw the implementation of the company's business system architecture to support a significant healthcare services conversion project. This three-year, \$100 million initiative ultimately yielded a \$157 million ROI.

- Automated the process of gathering requirements, resulting in an improvement in the quality assessment of requirements by the Requirements Competency Center.
- Led an impact analysis that resulted in a 30% reduction in the requirements gathering phase.

IT Strategy Leader (Office of the CIO), CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Owings Mills, MD

2005-2007

Partnered with executive leadership at CareFirst to define and implement the company's corporate and IT strategies.

- Developed and gained approval for the 2006 and 2007 IT strategies aligned with CareFirst's corporate goals.
- Pioneered a new IT management system that improved service delivery and cost-effectiveness.
- Designed and implemented the Measurement and Analysis Process Area for CareFirst's CMMI (L3) initiative.
- Provided business process mapping training to a cross-functional Swat Team for claims process improvement.

Strategic Technology Manager/Director, Capital One Financial Services, Glen Allen, VA

2002-2005

Demonstrated expertise in grid computing and genetic algorithm optimization, and successfully applied these techniques to a real-world business problem.

- Successfully managed three vendors, including IBM, Genalytics, and Platform Computing, to develop and implement a genetic algorithm-based credit risk prediction model in a grid computing environment.
- Worked closely with cross-functional teams across multiple departments at Capital One to ensure successful integration of the model into business operations.
- Managed a team of up to 25 associates, including project managers, developers, and architects, to deliver complex technology solutions on time and within budget.

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Principal Engineer, Capital One Financial Services, Glen Allen, VA

2000-2002

Demonstrated leadership in selecting data warehouse platform, enhancing analytics, improving processes, and managing projects.

- Led the adoption of a new high-performance computing \$100 Million data warehouse platform, Teradata.
- Planned and managed the on-time and on-budget delivery of up to 60 concurrent projects.
- Acknowledged for successfully achieving 90% customer satisfaction ratings on all projects.

Strategic Project Manager, E.I. DuPont de Nemours. Richmond, VA

1996-2000

Directed and reengineered applications resulting in significant performance improvement and accolades.

- Directed the migration of a \$2 Million legacy manufacturing application into a 3-tiered object-oriented client-server environment, leading the team to capture the Inaugural Stellar Award.
- Reengineered the client-service application, resulting in a remarkable 95% performance improvement.

Consulting Engineer, E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Wilmington, DE

1990-1996

Utilized vector processing capabilities and advanced cooling systems of the Cray T90/C90 to optimize performance and ensure reliable operation, demonstrating expertise in high performance computing and computational simulation.

- Conducted computer simulations to predict flammability for chemical reactions, utilizing ChemKin to model complex chemical systems and determine appropriate parameters for safe operation of chemical processes.
- Analyzed simulation results to identify potential hazards and develop risk mitigation strategies, demonstrating
 expertise in chemical process safety and computational simulation.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering Master of Science in Chemical Engineering Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering Strategic Uses of Technology Bargaining and Negotiating University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
Stanford University, Stanford, CA
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

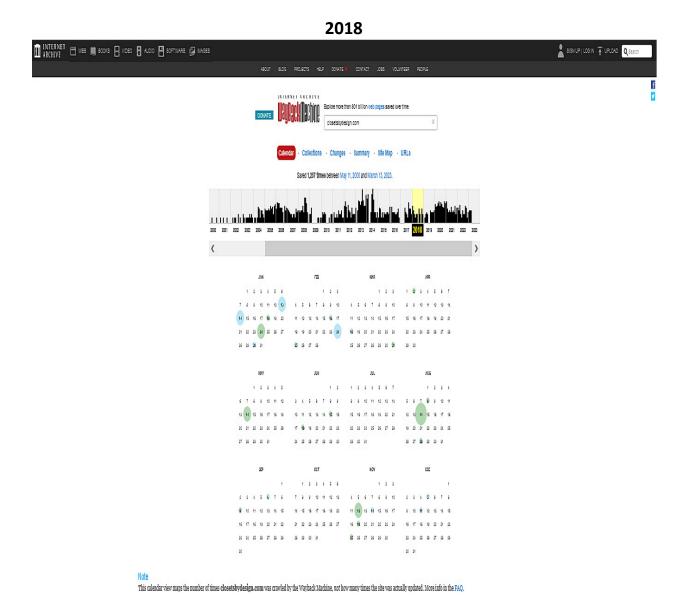
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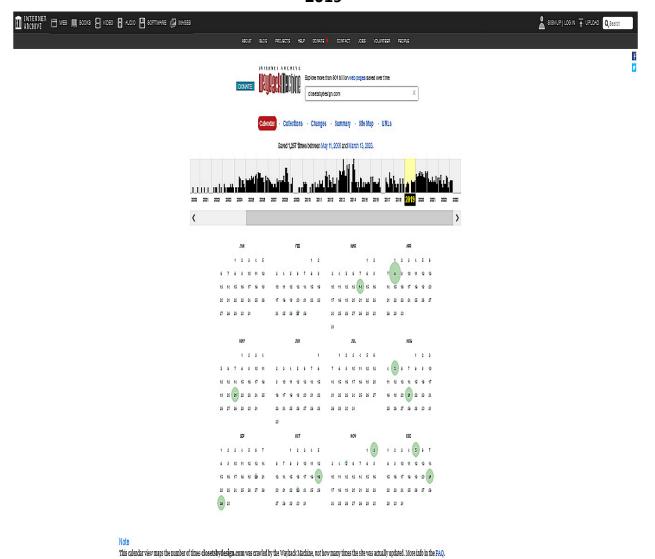
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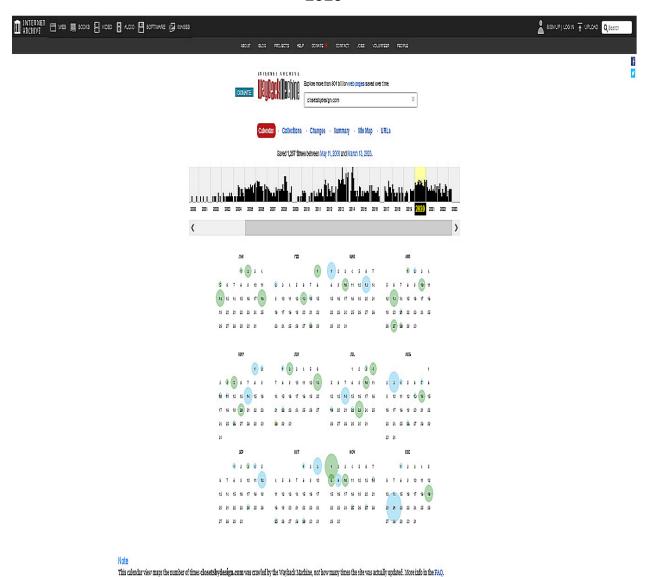
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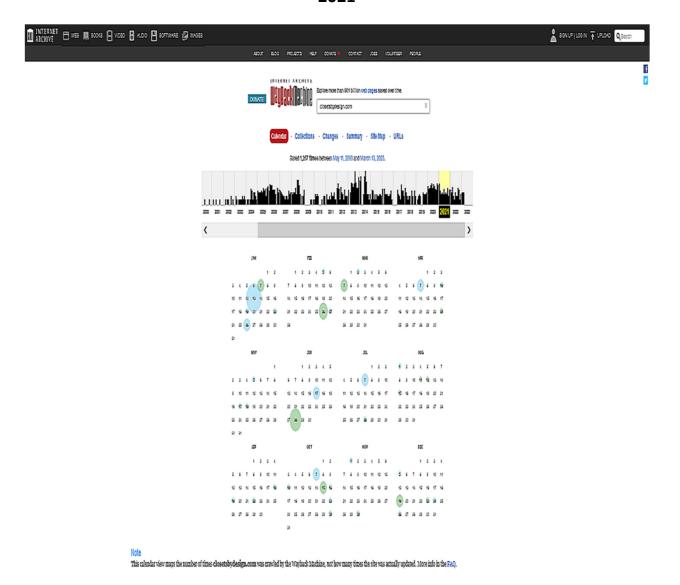
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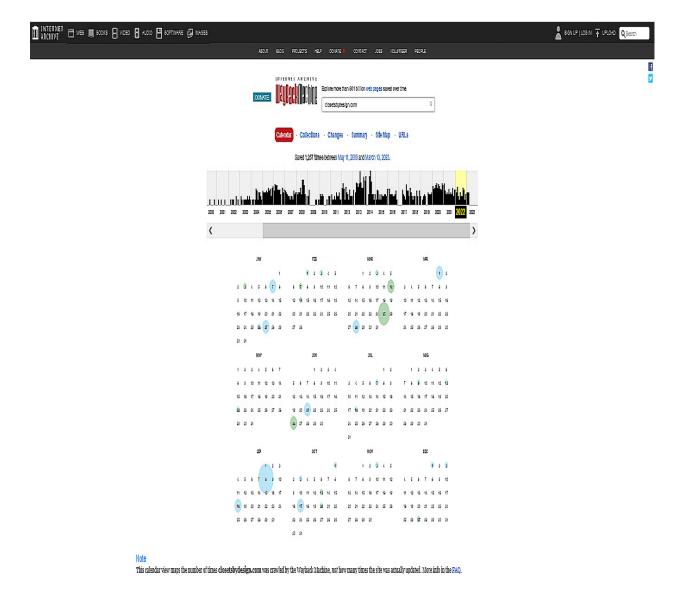
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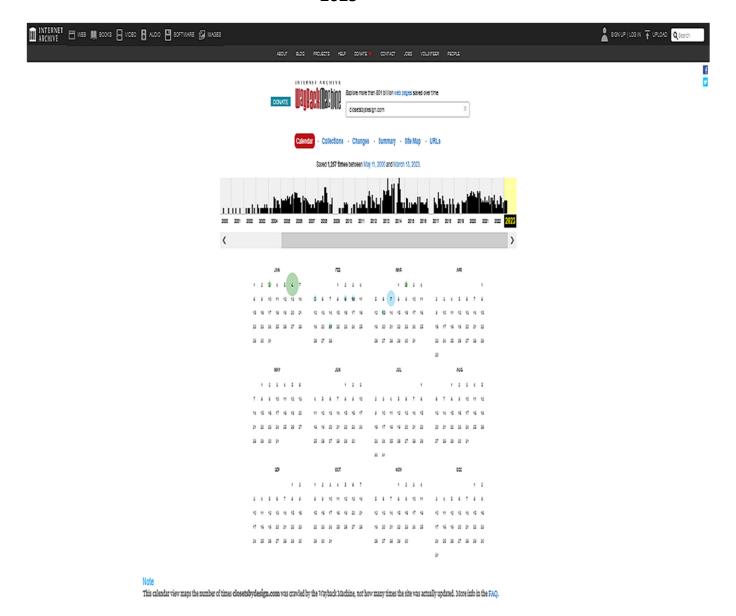












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Summary of the Perpetual Use of 40% Off "Limited Time Offers" Advertised on the Closets By Design, Inc. Website

Column 1 = The date the homepage was archived

Column 2 = The sale offer on the homepage

Column 3 = The date the sale offer on the homepage links to that presents the sale offer terms and expiration date

Column 4 = Additional sale information

Date	Advertising Offer	Link to Terms & Expiration Date	Other Representations
14 Nov 2018	No Ad	No	N/A
19 Nov 2018	No Ad	No	N/A
25 Nov 2018	40% Off	No	Plus Take 15% Off Limited time offer
05 Dec 2018	40% Off	No	Plus Take 15% Off Limited time offer
11 Dec 2018	40% Off	No	Plus Take 15% Off Limited time offer
27 Feb 2019	No Ad	N/A	N/A
14 Mar 2019	No Ad	N/A	N/A
08 Apr 2019	No Ad	N/A	N/A
21 May 2019	40% Off	No Link	15% off any complete system
05 Aug 2019	40% Off	Link to present page	
21 Aug 2019	40% Off	Link to present page	
02 Nov 2019	40% Off	Link to 01 Nov 2020: Expires 31 Oct 2020	
05 Nov 2019	40% Off	Link to 01 Nov 2020: Expires 31 Oct 2020	
05 Dec 2019	40% Off	Link to 01 Nov 2020: Expires 31 Oct 2020	Extra 15% Off
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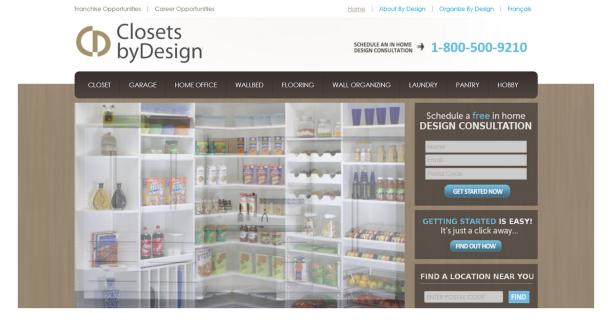
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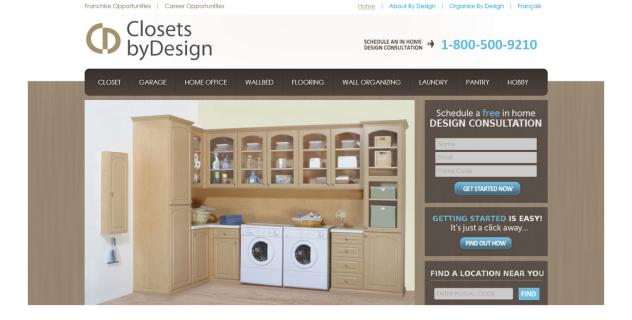
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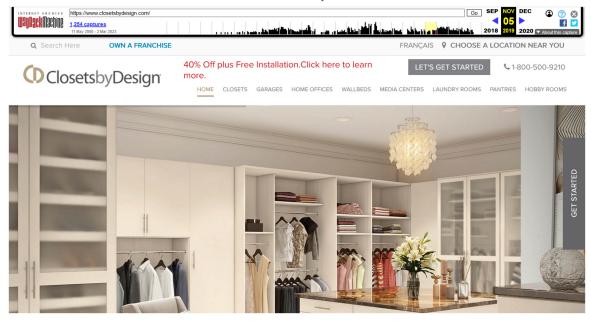
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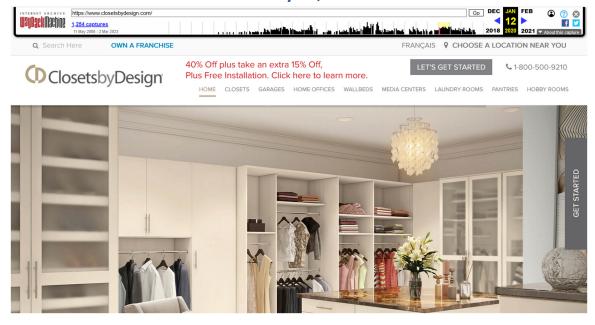
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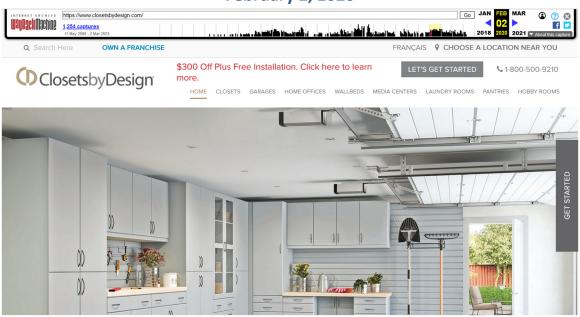
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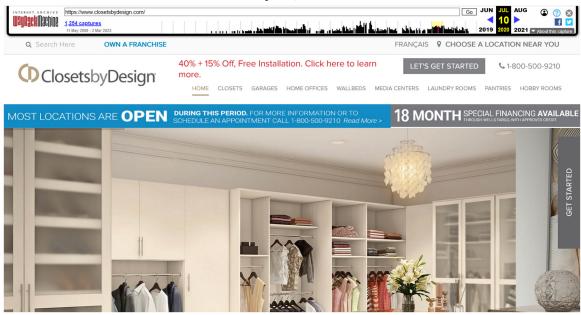
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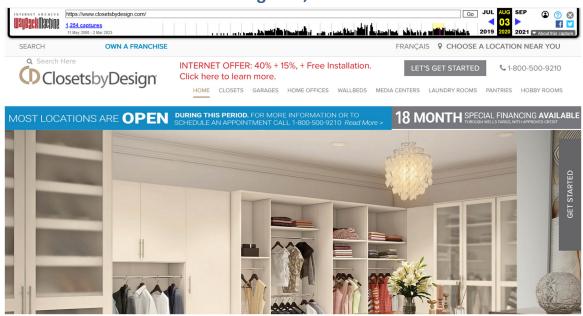
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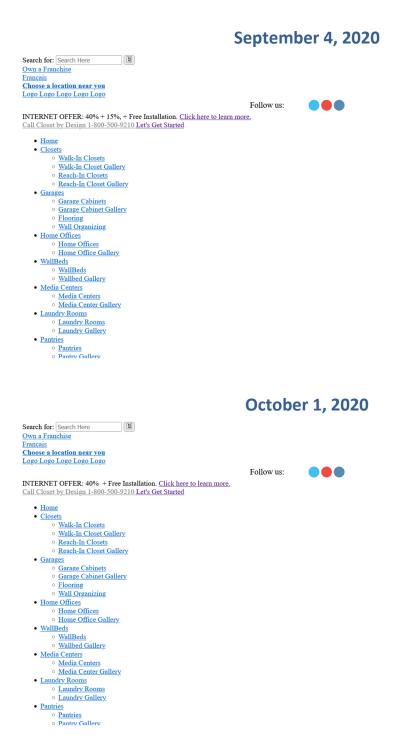
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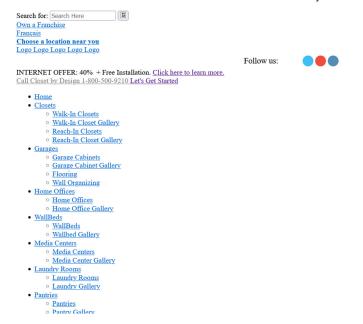


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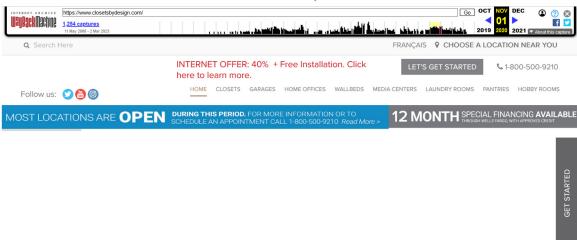




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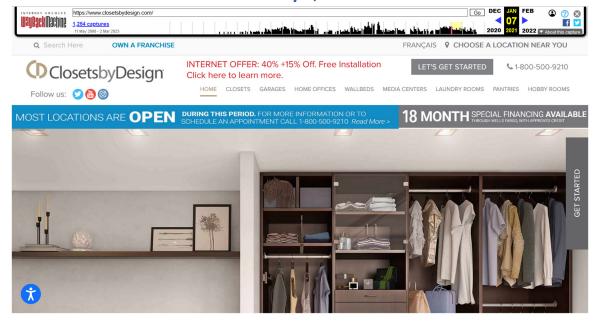
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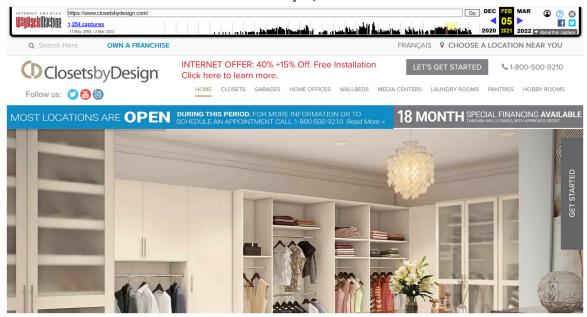
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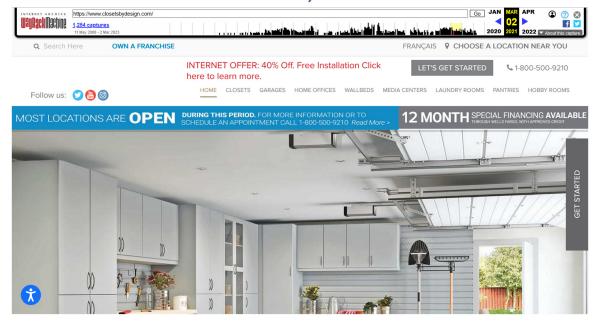
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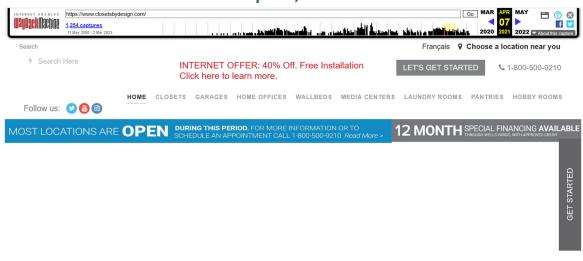
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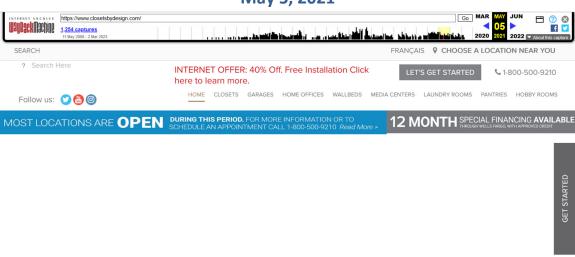
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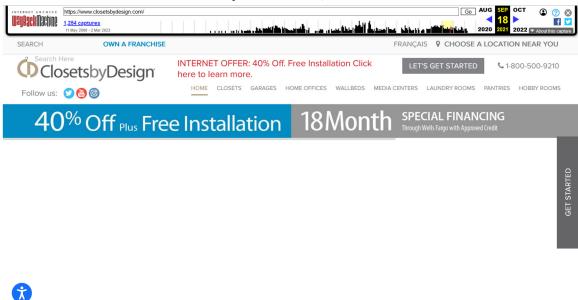


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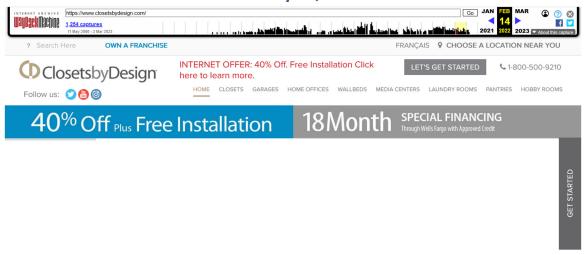


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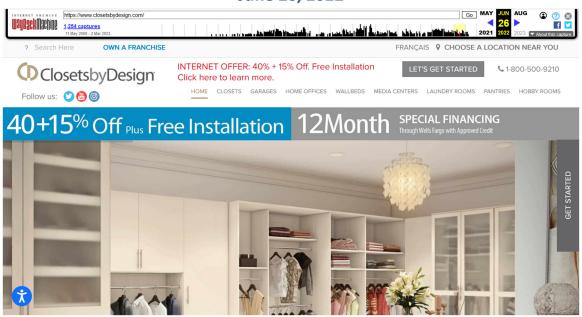


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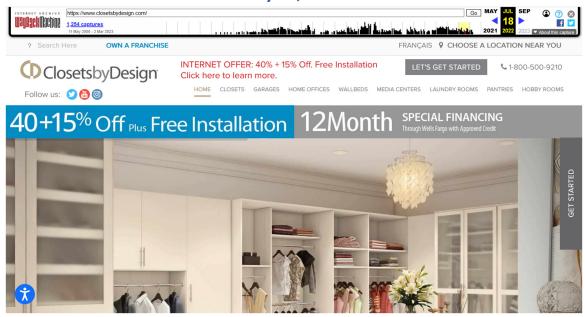


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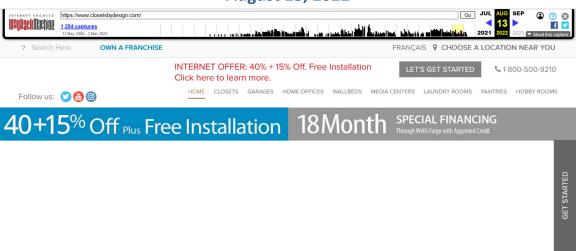
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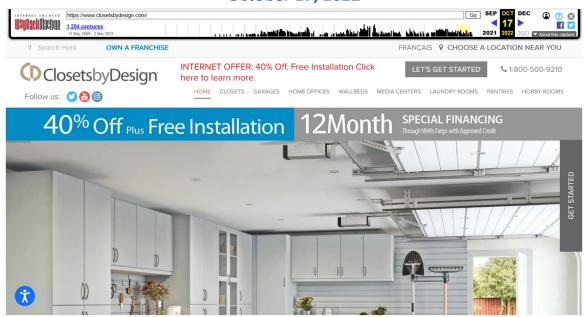
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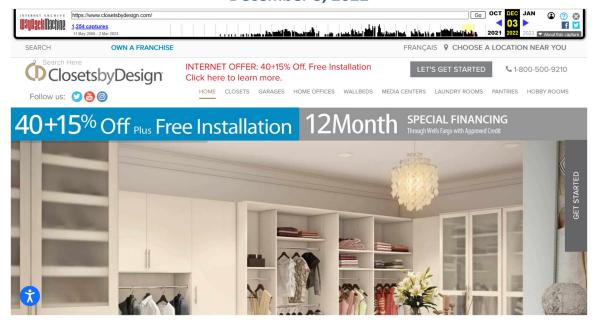
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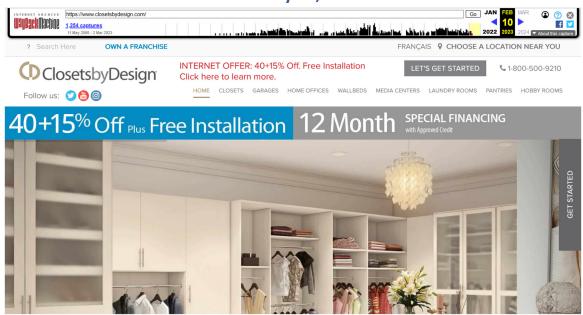
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Samples of the Closets by Design's "Terms and Conditions" for its Perpetual "40% Off" Sale Offer

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- 5. The Internet Archive assigns a URL on its site to the archived files in the format http://web.archive.org/web/[Year in yyyy][Month in mm][Day in dd][Time code in hh:mm:ss]/[Archived URL] aka an "extended URL". Thus, the extended URL http://web.archive.org/web/19970126045828/http://www.archive.org/ would be the URL for the record of the Internet Archive home page HTML file (http://www.archive.org/) archived on January 26, 1997 at 4:58 a.m. and 28 seconds (1997/01/26 at 04:58:28). The date indicated by an extended URL applies to a preserved instance of a file for a given URL, but not necessarily to any other files linked therein. Thus, in the case of a page constituted by a primary HTML file and other separate files (e.g., files with images, audio, multimedia, design elements, or other embedded content) linked within that primary HTML file, the primary HTML file and the other files will each have their own respective extended URLs and may not have been archived on the same dates.
- 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are true and accurate copies of screenshots of the Internet Archive's records of the archived files for the URLs and the dates specified in the attached coversheet of each printout.



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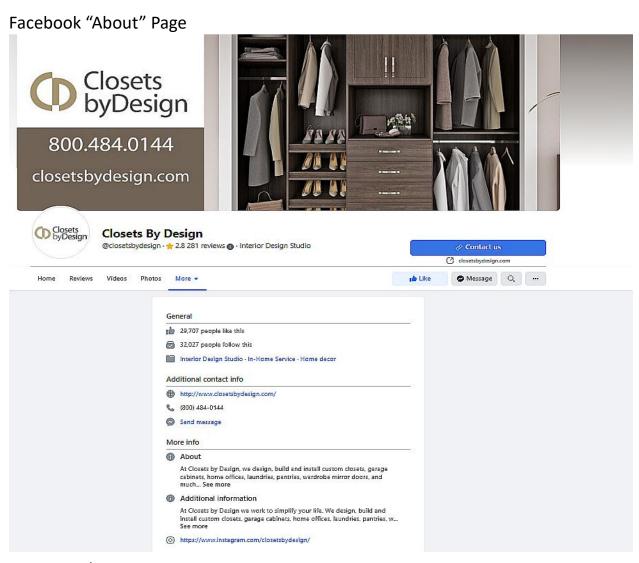
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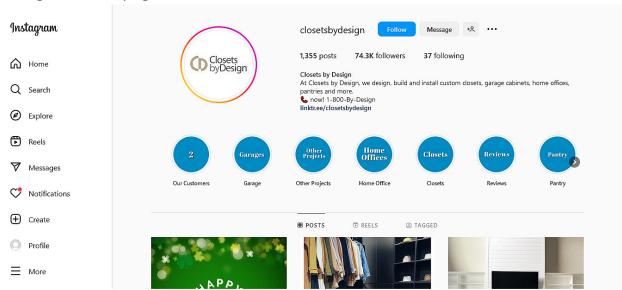
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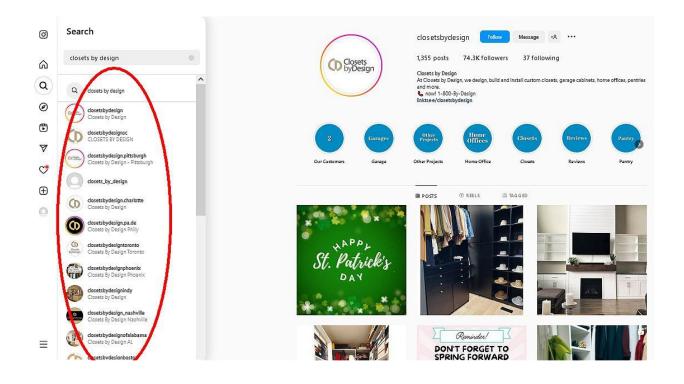
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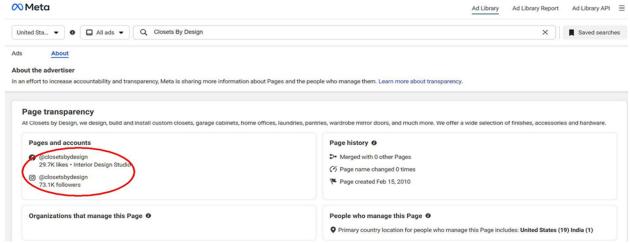


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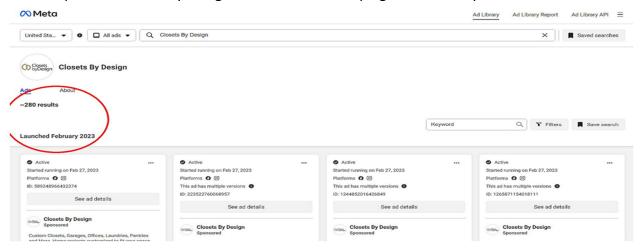


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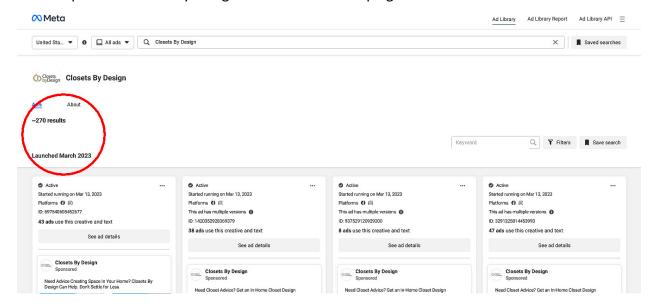
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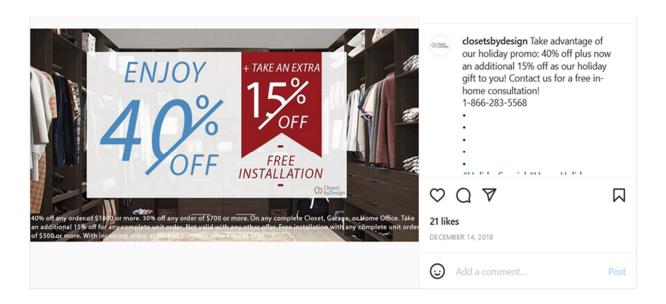


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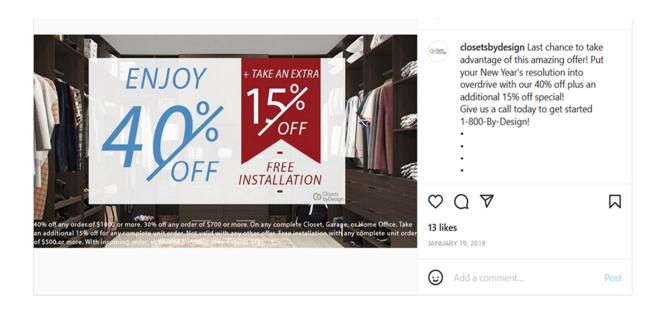
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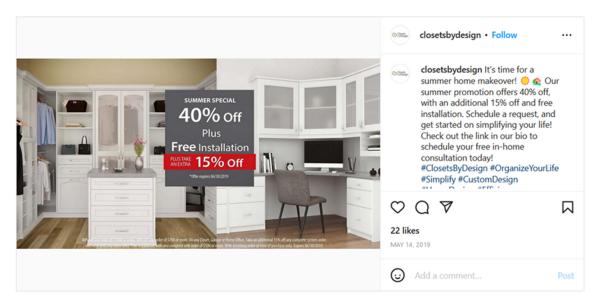
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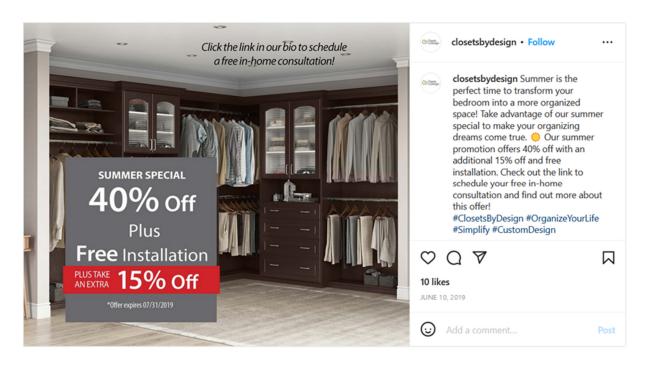


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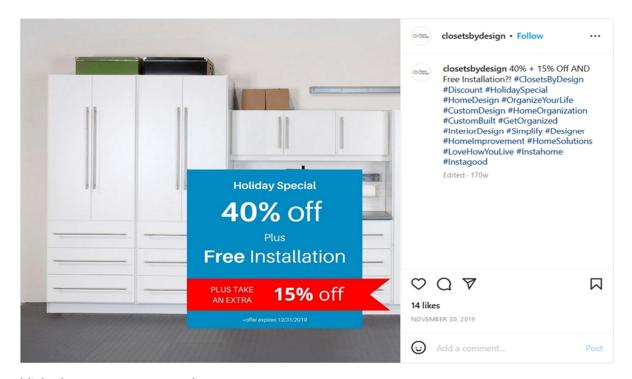
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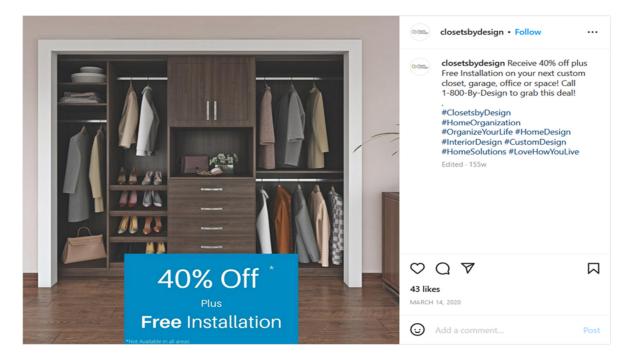


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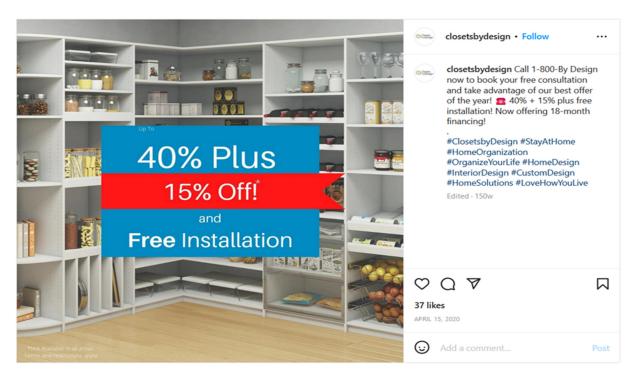
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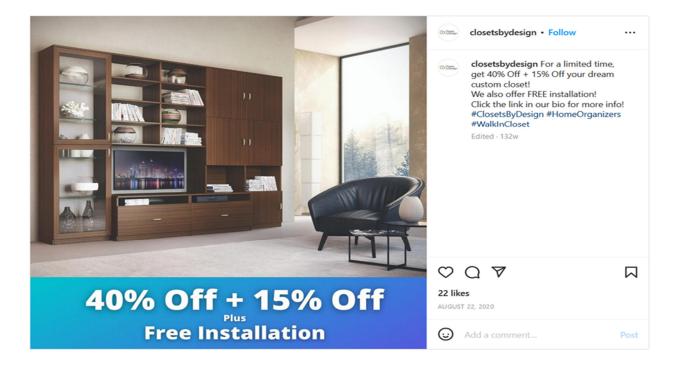
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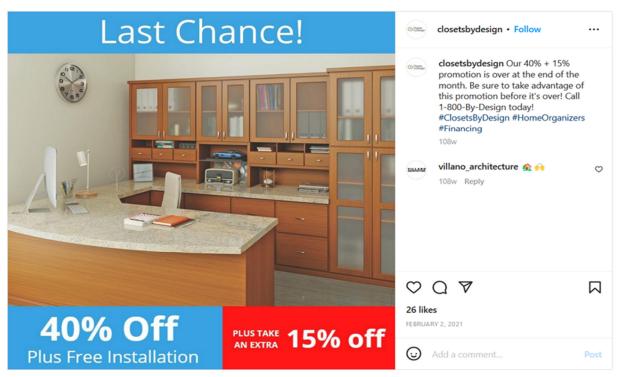


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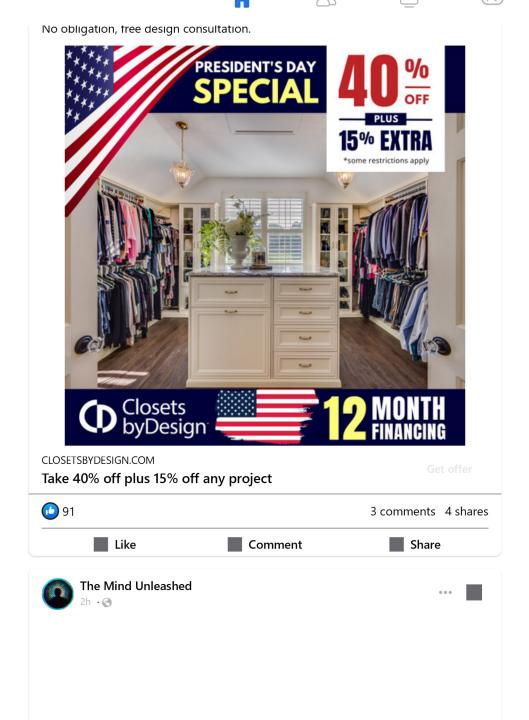


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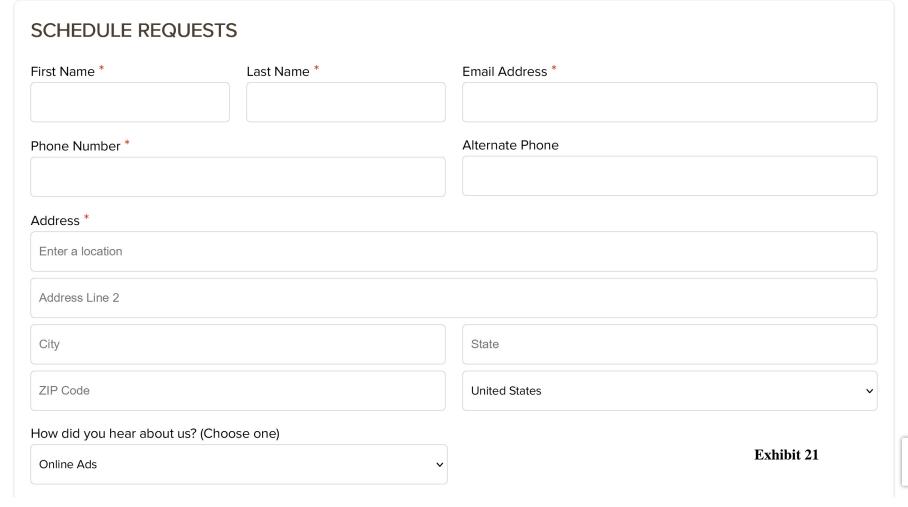


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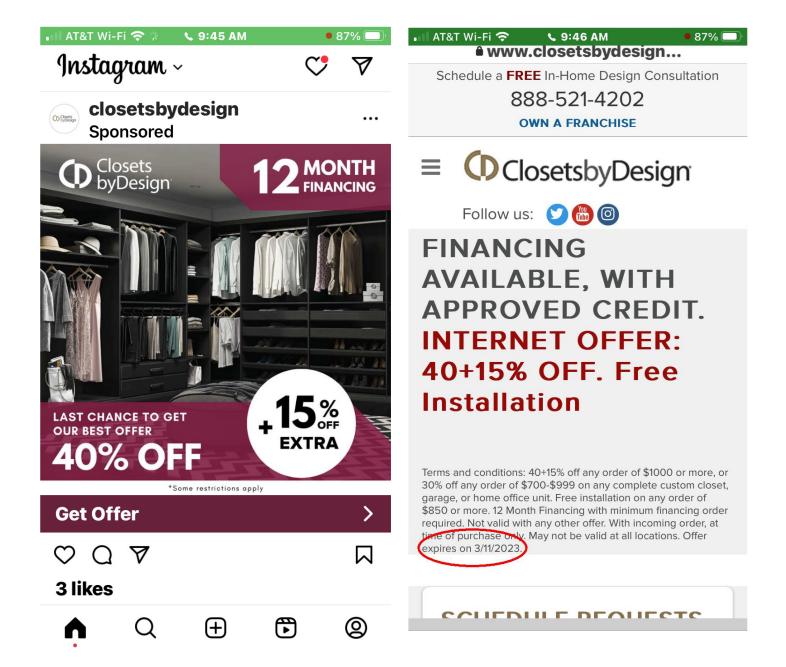






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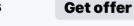
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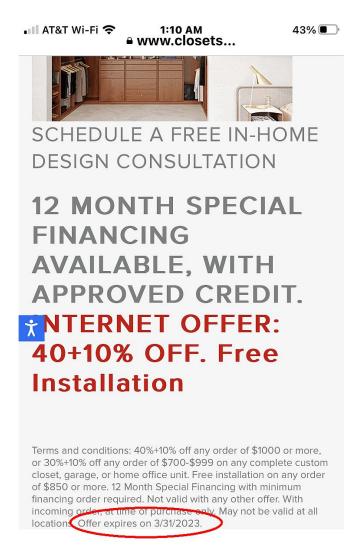








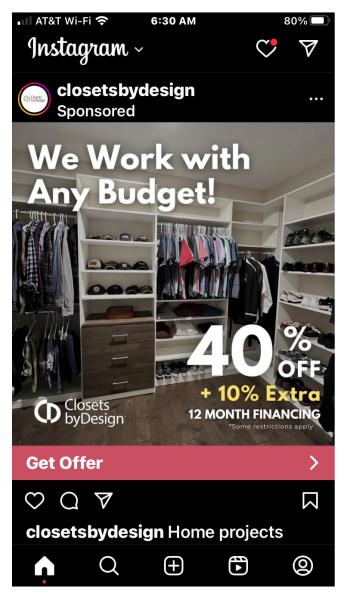




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- 3. The Internet Archive has created a service known as the Wayback Machine. The Wayback Machine makes it possible to browse more than 450 billion pages stored in the Internet Archive's web archive. Visitors to the Wayback Machine can search archives by URL (i.e., a website address). If archived records for a URL are available, the visitor will be presented with a display of available dates. The visitor may select one of those dates, and begin browsing an archived version of the Web. Links on archived files in the Wayback Machine point to other archived files (whether HTML pages or other file types), if any are found for the URL indicated by a given link. For instance, the Wayback Machine is designed such that when a visitor clicks on a hyperlink on an archived page that points to another URL, the visitor will be served the archived file found for the hyperlink's URL with the closest available date to the initial file containing the hyperlink.
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- 5. The Internet Archive assigns a URL on its site to the archived files in the format http://web.archive.org/web/[Year in yyyy][Month in mm][Day in dd][Time code in hh:mm:ss]/[Archived URL] aka an "extended URL". Thus, the extended URL http://web.archive.org/web/19970126045828/http://www.archive.org/ would be the URL for the record of the Internet Archive home page HTML file (http://www.archive.org/) archived on January 26, 1997 at 4:58 a.m. and 28 seconds (1997/01/26 at 04:58:28). The date indicated by an extended URL applies to a preserved instance of a file for a given URL, but not necessarily to any other files linked therein. Thus, in the case of a page constituted by a primary HTML file and other separate files (e.g., files with images, audio, multimedia, design elements, or other embedded content) linked within that primary HTML file, the primary HTML file and the other files will each have their own respective extended URLs and may not have been archived on the same dates.
- 6. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are true and accurate copies of screenshots of the Internet Archive's records of the archived files for the URLs and the dates specified in the attached coversheet of each printout.



7. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATE: April 10, 2023

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EXHIBIT A

https://web.archive.org/web/20210804005028/https://www.closetworld.com/

Chronology of Advertisements Appearing on ClosetWorld.com Homepage as Archived by the WayBack Machine (Archive.org)

Date	Advertisement	Other Representation
April 2018	40% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC ¹
May 2018	40% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC
June 2018	40% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC
July 2018	40% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC
August 2018	40% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC – Expires in 30 days
September 2018	40% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC – Expires in 30 days
October 2018	40% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC – Expires in 30 days
November 2018	40% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC – Expires in 30 days
December 2018	50% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC – Expires 1/28/2019
January 2019	50% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC – Expires 1/28/2019
February 2019	50% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC – Expires 1/28/2019
March 2019	50% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC – Expires 1/28/2019
April 2019		
May 2019		
June 2019		
July 2019	50% off	Free Installation 12 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC
August 2019	40% off	Free Installation 18 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC
September 2019		
October 2019	40% off	Free Installation 18 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC
November 2019	50% off	Free Installation 18 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC – Expires 12/31/2019
December 2019	50% off	Free Installation 18 months of Free Financing with 0% APR OAC – Expires 12/31/2019
January 2020		
February 2020		
March 2020	50% off	Free Installation Expires April 31, 2020 ² . 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires May 31, 2020
April 2020	50% off	Free Installation Expires April 31, 2020. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires May 31, 2020 ³
May 2020	50% off	Free Installation Expires May 31, 2020. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires May 31, 2020
June 2020	50% off	Free Installation Expires June 30, 2020. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires June 30, 2020
July 2020	50% off	Free Installation Expires August 31, 2020. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires August 31, 2020
August 2020	50% off	Free Installation Expires August 31, 2020. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires August 31, 2020
September 2020	50% off	Free Installation Expires September 30, 2020. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires September 30, 2020
October 2020	50% off	Free Installation Expires November 16, 2020. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires November, 2020
November 2020	50% off	Free Installation Expires December 31, 2020. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires December 31, 2020
December 2020	50% off	Free Installation Expires December 31, 2020. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires December 31, 2020

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Date	Advertisement	Other Representation
January 2021	50% off	Free Installation Expires February 28, 2021. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires February 28, 2021
February 2021	50% off	Free Installation Expires February 28, 2021. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires February 28, 2021 ⁴
March 2021	No Ad	
April 2021	40% off	Free Installation Expires April 30, 2021. 12 Mo. Free Financing Expires April 30, 2021
May 2021	50% off	Free Installation Expires July 22, 2021. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires June 30, 2021
June 2021	50% off	Free Installation Expires July 22, 2021. 18 Mo. Free Financing Expires June 30, 2021
July 2021	50% off	Free Installation Expires July 31, 2021. 18 Mo. Free Financing
August 2021	50% off	Free Installation. 18 Mo. Free Financing OAC
September 2021	40% off	Free Installation. 12 Mo. Free Financing OAC
October 2021	40% off	Free Installation. 12 Mo. Free Financing OAC
November 2021	50% off	Free Installation. 18 Mo. Free Financing OAC
December 2021	50% off	Free Installation. 18 Mo. Free Financing OAC
January 2022	50% off	Free Installation. 12 Mo. Free Financing OAC
February 2022	50% off	Free Installation. 18 Mo. Free Financing OAC
March 2022	40% off	Free Installation. 18 Mo. Free Financing OAC
April 2022	40% off	Free Installation. 18 Mo. Free Financing OAC
May 2022	50% off	Free Installation. 18 Mo. Free Financing OAC
June 2022	50% off	Free Installation. 12 Mo. Free Financing OAC
July 2022	50% off	Free Installation. 12 Mo. Free Financing OAC
August 2022	50% off	Free Installation. 18 Mo. Free Financing OAC
September 2022	40% off	Free Installation. 18 Mo. Free Financing OAC
October 2022	40% off	Free Installation. 12 Mo. Free Financing OAC
November 2022	50% off	Free Installation. 12 Mo. Free Financing OAC
December 2022	50% off	Free Installation. 12 Mo. Free Financing OAC
January 2023	50% off	Free Installation. 12 Mo. Free Financing OAC
February 2023	50% off	Free Installation. 12 Mo. Free Financing OAC
March 2023	40+10% off	Free Installation. 12 Mo. Free Financing OAC

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Notes:

- 1. OAC On Approved Credit
- 2. April 31 is not a date on the calendar
- 3. Additional ad on web page 2 Year Same as Cash Financing Ad runs from April, 2020 thru June, 2020. Direct conflict with 18 month ad on same page
- 4. Additional ad on web page 12 Month Same as Cash Financing Ad runs from February 2021. Direct conflict with 18 month ad on same page